

TRAC Diversity Insights: Milestones and Notes



NEW INTELLIGENCE INC. RECEIVES 2003 INFOWORLD 100 AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP

November 10, 2003 – InfoWorld editor-in-chief Steve Fox announced the 2003 *InfoWorld 100* list of annual awards honoring companies that demonstrate the most creative use of cutting-edge technologies to further their business goals. Texas-based **New Intelligence Inc.** was selected in the Education award category.

"The New Intelligence diversity education system is one of this year's InfoWorld 100 award winners," stated Steve Fox, editor-in-chief of InfoWorld. "New Intelligence developed an innovative and unique software-based instructional system to meet diversity objectives in business and education. The New Intelligence project was chosen as an outstanding example of enterprise innovation and IT leadership."

Ten of the 100 award recipients were in the Education category. Others selected for education awards included the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dartmouth College; the Plano (Texas) Independent School District; George Mason University; Ball State University; and Delaware State University.

National Urban League

The National Urban League *Campaign for African American Achievement*, Training Resources & Products section, lists the New Intelligence *Diversity Insights* series: "...(a) software system for use by industry leaders in implementing strategies for inclusion and diversity programs within their companies." (www.nul.org)

Some Comments About Text Reconstruction...

"I am currently teaching the first two sections of "Reading, Thinking, and Writing" this Spring Quarter. The central text is Analytical Reading and Reasoning by Dr. Arthur Whimbey. The feedback from both students and instructors has been extremely positive and we have also added a critical thinking course as an elective, which will begin next year using Problem Solving and Comprehension by Whimbey. We owe Dr. Whimbey a tremendous debt of gratitude." *Steve Whipple, Dept. Chair, General Studies Department, St. Cloud Technical College, Minnesota*
(*comments selected from a letter to Whimbey*)

Newsweek magazine (January 13, 1997) describes the use of "text reconstruction ... to hone ... reasoning skills."

"Text reconstruction helps ... understand the general / specific pattern for organizing ideas better than any other method I've used." *Professor Ed Vavra, Pennsylvania College of Technology*

Comments by Dr. Eugene Williams

Dr. Eugene Williams Sr. is a well-known public school teacher, researcher, and administrator. While Director of Test Improvement in the Washington, D.C. public schools, Dr. Williams implemented a highly effective program which dramatically increased National Merit and Achievement finalists in the D. C. Schools, using methods of text reconstruction. The program was featured in an article in *Newsweek* magazine. Dr. Williams notes that "It would be useful for all Americans to work through the exercises in the New Intelligence series, to learn about the accomplishments of African-Americans such as Charles Drew and Garrett Morgan, and of Hispanic-Americans such as Jaime Escalante and Ellen Ochoa, so that they can see the contributions to human progress that all Americans can make if given a fair chance."

Latest article by *Diversity Insights* authors Dr. Arthur Whimbey and Dr. Myra Linden

In January 2002, the *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development* published the latest article by Whimbey, Linden, and Lochhead on text reconstruction and critical thinking in the 3rd edition of the book *Developing Minds*.

(*For more information on authors and educational researchers Dr. Arthur Whimbey, Dr. Myra Linden, and Dr. Eugene Williams Sr. and their publications, search on "arthur" & "whimbey", or on "myra" & "linden", or on "eugene" & "williams" using one of the Internet search engines. Several hundred references are available on-line.*)