Cuacrl K-12 Educational Portal Task Force
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Having completed its survey of K-12 teachers and the follow-up conversations, the Task Force has been working on several initiatives:

1. Revision of the Portal:
   Committee members and UAF staff have taken a number of steps to update, refine, and make the website better:
   a. Committee members reexamined each linked website to judge for usefulness. Approximately 40% of the links were removed.
   b. The remaining 65 websites were then tagged for three features: Subject; Resource Type; and Location. “Subject” and “Resource Type” used controlled vocabulary, and “Location” was to help users identify resources of specific geographical interest. This tagging will allow the portal to be tiled and teachers, as many requested in the follow-up to the survey, will be able to focus their searches more efficiently.

2. Sharing the project with the profession:
   A description of the project and its results, including a literature survey and both qualitative and quantitative data, is being finalized for publication. The committee has identified a number of journals for submission.

3. Marketing: the Committee continues to seek ways to publicize the Portal. A brochure or some other informational item will be made, perhaps for inclusion with registration materials at conferences. We are also seeking grants for marketing.

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