What is WriteAway?
WriteAway is a proposed collaboration by BC post-secondary institutions to create an online writing service for learners across the province. Through WriteAway, learners will connect seamlessly to a network of tutors and resources for writing assistance.

WriteAway Partners
WriteAway is a truly collaborative project, involving educational organizations as well as the participating institutions. BCcampus is providing technical expertise as well as funding for WriteAway, and has just approved seed funding for the 2012/13 year. The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre is also contributing funding for the 2012/13 year. The BC Electronic Library Network (BC ELN) is bringing expertise developed by coordinating similar collaborative projects to implement the pilot project and build the larger collaborative.

Actions to Date
Planning: Developed a project plan outlining a software selection process, infrastructure requirements, and timelines.
Funding: Developed report requesting WriteAway funding from BCcampus for 2012/2013.
Technology: Orchestrated software platform demonstrations; contacted vendors for proposals and pricing; short-listed vendors.
Communicating: Transitioning the current informational website to a communication and promotional tool, as well as portal to the service; developing web and print marketing items.
Connecting: Conducted the BC Writing Support Services Survey in order to better understand current writing support practices and identify primary contacts at each institution.

Next Steps
- Launch pilot phase with four early-adopter sites: College of the Rockies, Douglas College, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and Simon Fraser University.
- Support other post-secondary institutions wishing to join service.
- Continue to develop service based on the needs of participating institutions, and user feedback.
- Evaluate potential for expanded online tutor support across other disciplines.