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XML Admission Application Workgroup Launches

June 21, 2005 (*Washington DC*) ~ The Board of Directors and Steering Committee of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) are very pleased to announce the launch of the *XML Admission Application Workgroup*. The request to form this workgroup under PESC originated from the Standardization of Postsecondary Education Electronic Data Exchange (SPEEDE) Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) and The Common Application. SPEEDE and The Common Application intend to work collaboratively with all interested parties in the education community to develop and submit for PESC approval, a national standard format that will enable organizations and institutions the ability to send and receive a standardized application for admission.

“The application for admission is the point where the school originates the student record,” states Monique Snowden, Director of IT for Admissions and Records, Texas A & M University (www.tamu.edu) and Co-Chair of this workgroup. “This is the starting point and we need to get the process right from the start,” she continues. Also serving as Co-Chair is Robert Killion, Executive Director, of The Common Application (www.commonapp.org).

The official launch of this workgroup takes place through a conference call hosted by PESC on **Thursday June 30, 2005 at 3pm EDT**. All parties interested in this development effort are welcome to join this call (**dial 800-508-7631, then *9976409***). The agenda for the call will include history and background of this development effort, an overview of the business case, and next steps (meeting dates, times, and locations).

For more information, please visit www.PESC.org.

About PESC

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