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XML High School Transcript Workgroup Launches

May 12, 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 High School Transcript Workgroup*. The request to form this workgroup originated from the Standardization of Postsecondary Education Electronic Data Exchange (SPEEDE) Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). SPEEDE intends to work collaboratively with the education community to develop and submit for PESC approval, a national standard format for a high school or school district to use to send an XML version of a high school student's educational record (transcript) to a postsecondary educational institution or to a state or other approved agency.

"Once the XML College Transcript was approved (through PESC), the need for an XML High School Transcript was soon recognized by the postsecondary community as well as several vendors that serve the entire K12 through postsecondary communities," states Bruce Marton, Associate Director of Student Information Systems at the University of Texas at Austin and Chair of this workgroup. "I am excited and pleased to be a part of this initiative and look forward to our continuing collaboration in pursuit of higher education standards," Mr. Marton continues.

The official launch of this workgroup takes place through a conference call on Thursday May 26, 2005 at 11am 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, an overview of the schema, and next steps (meeting dates, times, and locations).

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

About PESC

Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC's mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability.

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