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AAMC, Accenture, Hyland Software, Mapping Your Future, Pennsylvania College of Technology, and University of Idaho Join PESC Membership

Washington DC ~ The Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is very pleased to announce that the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Accenture, Hyland Software, Mapping Your Future, the Pennsylvania College of Technology, and the University of Idaho have joined the PESC Membership.

“As a college that builds its own homegrown applications, Pennsylvania College of Technology deals with data exchanges from many different organizations. Penn College, a special mission affiliate of Penn State, committed to applied technology education, is pleased to join PESC’s efforts in creating national, open standards for higher education. Providing input while the standards are under development gives us an opportunity to impact how well our own systems will be able to integrate the new standards,” states Mike Cunningham, Chief Information Officer at Penn College.

“We are excited to continue to work with PESC to expand electronic standards throughout the postsecondary education community,” states Paul Peck, Senior Executive at Accenture. “Increasing data consistency and standards drives down costs and improves services for government agencies and individual schools. We have witnessed many of these benefits firsthand through our joint work on the XML Common Record and the XML Registry and Repository for the Education Community. We look forward to collaborating with PESC, the federal government, and schools to continue to improve interoperability within the community.” Mr. Peck added.


About AAMC
The mission of the Association of American Medical Colleges is to improve the health of the public by enhancing the effectiveness of academic medicine. The AAMC pursues its mission by assisting academic medicine’s institutions, organizations and individuals in carrying out their responsibilities for: Educating the physician and medical scientist workforce; Discovering new medical knowledge; Developing innovative technologies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease; Providing health care services in academic settings.
About Accenture
Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. Committed to delivering innovation, Accenture collaborates with its clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments. With deep industry and business process expertise, broad global resources and a proven track record, Accenture can mobilize the right people, skills, and technologies to help clients improve their performance.

About Hyland Software
Hyland Software, established in 1991, is a software developer dedicated to enabling a broad spectrum of organizations to become operationally more efficient and effective. For more than a decade, we have accomplished this by developing and marketing OnBase®, our award-winning enterprise content management (ECM) software. The OnBase enterprise content management solution consists of more than 80 modules, and is constantly expanding. As a customer-driven organization committed to providing premium service and support, the company is dedicated to developing ECM software that is deployable at both the departmental and enterprise levels. We provide organizations with solutions that help them streamline their work processes and share information among their employees, business partners and customers. We address our customers' needs with products that set the standard for out-of-the-box functionality and people who set the standard for responsiveness, honesty and integrity. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Hyland markets OnBase throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Japan.

About Mapping Your Future
Mapping Your Future is a public-service, non-profit web site providing career, college, financial aid, and financial literacy information and services to students, their families, and schools. Mapping Your Future's vision is to be the leading public-service, collaborative provider of free information and services for schools, and for students and families as they consider college, financial aid, careers, and financial literacy options. Our mission is to enable individuals to achieve life-long success by empowering schools, students, and families with free, web-based college, financial aid, career, and financial literacy information and services.

About the Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania College of Technology is a special mission affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University, committed to applied technology education. With more than 6,500 students enrolled in bachelor-degree, associate-degree, and certificate majors, Penn College has the second highest enrollment in the Penn State system. Degrees representing more than 100 different career fields are offered by the following academic schools: Business & Computer Technologies, Construction & Design Technologies, Health Sciences, Hospitality, Industrial & Engineering Technologies, Integrated Studies, Natural Resources Management, and Transportation Technology. Technology impacts every career in the modern workplace. Penn College is the state’s premier technical college. No other institution in the state offers such a wide range of applied technology offerings. Business and industry connections are key ingredients in Penn College’s success as a leader in Pennsylvania higher education and workforce development. The College’s main campus is located in Williamsport, PA.

About the University of Idaho
The University of Idaho is a research II, land-grant institution committed to undergraduate and graduate-research education with extension services responsive to Idaho and the region’s business and community needs. The university is also responsible for regional medical and veterinary medical education programs in which the state of Idaho participates. The University of Idaho will formulate its academic plan and generate programs with primary emphasis on agriculture, forestry, mining and metallurgy, engineering, architecture, law, foreign languages, teacher preparation and international programs related to the foregoing. The University of Idaho will give continuing emphasis in the areas of business and education and will maintain basic strengths in the liberal arts and sciences, which provide the core curriculum or general education portion of the curriculum.

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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