Leading e-Transcript Services Avow, Credentials Solutions & Docufide Announce OpenSPEEDE Collaboration

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Current plans call for the OpenSPEEDE gateway to be running in the summer of 2013, along with support for the EDeXchange network. “This will provide more options to high schools, states and colleges in how they send and receive standards-based transcripts, and will help improve the competitiveness of SPEEDE EDI,” said Matthew Pittinsky, Ph.D., Parchment CEO.

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