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Sinclair Community College and Wright State University
Win Top Award in PESC’s 9th Annual Best Practices Competition
Judith Flink of the University of Illinois
Honored with Distinguished Service Award

Washington DC – The Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is very pleased to announce Sinclair Community College and Wright State University as Winners of PESC’s 9th Annual Best Practices Competition for 2007. Their submission “Exchange of Electronic Transcripts via Ohio Board of Regents Articulation & Transfer Clearinghouse” received unanimous approval by the PESC Board Review Committee on the Best Practices Competition. Awards will be presented at the opening session of the 5th Annual Conference on Technology and Standards being held April 28 – 30, 2008 in Washington, D.C. The Best Practices Competition is held each year by PESC to promote innovation and ingenuity in the application of standards for business needs.

“Wright State and Sinclair Community College are both exporting and importing the PESC XML College Transcript through the Ohio Board of Regents Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse as is the University of Cincinnati, while Bowling Green State University receives them,” states Terry Young, Senior Programmer and Analyst in Computing and Telecommunications at Wright State University. “As far as cost savings, with a regular [paper] transcript it takes between 5 to 45 minutes to process in the Registrar's office...now it takes less 2 minutes,” Mr. Young continued.

PESC will also honor Judith Flink with a “Distinguished Service Award.” Ms. Flink is the last founding Director still active on the PESC Board of Directors and has decided not to be renominated when her current term on the Board expires this June 30. “It’s been wonderful to see the higher education community working together through PESC,” Ms. Flink reflects on her tenure on the Board. “The standards we work on, from the High School and College Transcript to the Admissions Application, Test Score, and Common Record: CommonLine not only make our processes more efficient and contribute to cost-savings, they help ensure that barriers to accessing higher education are removed. It’s very important that organizations use standards and join PESC to help support the growing mission,” Ms. Flink continues.

Ms. Flink currently serves as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. She was appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives in 1999 to that Committee and reappointed in November 2005 to serve a term that expires in September 2008. Ms. Flink has been with the University of Illinois for over 20 years. She is the Executive Director of University Student Financial Services and Cashier Operations, is a past president of the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO), and was appointed to the Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities by Governor Blagojevich of Illinois. Ms. Flink will be awarded at the opening session of the 5th Annual Conference on Technology and Standards.

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