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PESC Announces 11th Annual Best Practices Competition

Washington DC – Entries for the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council’s (PESC) Annual Best Practices Competition are now being accepted. Now in its 11th year, the Best Practices competition is held to highlight and promote innovation and ingenuity in the application and implementation of standards for business needs. First instituted in 1999, the competition is open to associations, organizations, institutions, states, agencies, providers and individuals that have collaborated to design and/or implement an electronic standardization initiative via a published article, a specific implementation, and/or other medium.

Past winners of PESC’s Best Practices Competition include:

2008 - California Community College System California Statewide Electronic Exchange Program (CCCTran) and University System of Georgia Board of Regents Implementation of High School and Postsecondary XML Transcripts

2007 – Sinclair Community College and Wright State University Exchange of Electronic Transcripts via Ohio Board of Regents Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse

2006 – Data Quality Campaign (DQC) Using Data to Improve Student Achievement


2003 – Schools Interoperability Framework Association SIF Specification
2002 – ELM Resources and NCHELP Meteor Advisory Team
**ELMNet and Meteor**

2001 – NCHELP Electronic Standards Committee
**Common Account Maintenance**

2000 – University of Northern Iowa
**EDI Bridge**

1999 – Ontario Universities’ Application Centre
**A Model of an Electronic Standardization Initiative**

The Best Practices Competition for 2009 is open for submissions until February 1, 2010. Documents detailing the scope of a project, participants, type of standards employed, relevant dates of project milestones, copies of articles (if an article submission), outline of mission/objectives and any related statistics (number of transactions transmitted, estimated cost savings, etc.) should be included in the submission. All entries should be submitted by February 1, 2010, to Michael.Sessa@PESC.org or at:

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All entries will be judged by the PESC Board of Directors. First place and those receiving special recognition will be notified by March 1, 2010, an official public announcement will be made immediately before the Spring 2010 Data Summit, and the award presentation will be made during the general session of the Spring 2010 Data Summit April 1 - 2, 2010.

**About PESC**
Established in 1997 at the National Center for Higher Education and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; college and university systems; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; non-profit organizations and associations; and state and federal government agencies. Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the higher education lifecycle. For more information, please visit [www.PESC.org](http://www.PESC.org).

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