PESC Announces 12th 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 12th 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:

- **2009** – College Foundation of North Carolina Electronic High School Transcript System
- **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
- **2005** – NCHELP Electronic Standards Committee, CRC Beta Test CRC Beta Test Submission Letter, CRC Beta Test Process, Closed Beta Test Issues
- **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 2010 is open for submissions until March 4, 2011. 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 March 4, 2011 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 April 1, 2011, an official public announcement will be made immediately before the Spring 2011 Data Summit, and the award presentation will be made during the general session of the Spring 2011 Data Summit April 26-27, 2011.

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, 501 (c)(3) 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.

PESC envisions national and international interoperability, that is a trustworthy, inter-connected environment built by and between communities of interest in which data flows seamlessly from one system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, and efficient manner. To achieve the mission and the vision, PESC organizes activities to: accelerate performance and service, reduce cost, lead collaborative development, set and maintain common data standards, promote best practices, link public and private sectors, and serve as data experts.

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