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ConnectEdu, Inc., National Career Assessment Services, Inc. and National Transcript Center Join PESC Membership

March 1, 2006 (Washington DC) ~ The Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is very pleased to announce that ConnectEdu, Inc., the National Career Assessment Services, Inc. (NCASI) and the National Transcript Center have joined the PESC Membership.

"ConnectEdu is committed to remaining on the cutting edge of providing our partners with the best education planning and application workflow processes that we can possibly offer," said Craig Powell, President of ConnectEdu. "We share a common mission with PESC to democratize access to information and to do so within an integrated platform linking all key stakeholders. Our work with PESC will increase the company's capability to effectively guide students, provide meaningful support to high schools and help post-secondary institutions demonstrate a more efficient application process."

“As a member of PESC, we look forward to furthering the improvement of the quality of career guidance and educational planning by participating in the development and implementation of standards that will help both educators and students more effectively communicate information from secondary schools to postsecondary institutions to employers,” states Rich Gates, NCASI Vice President of Operations. “Working with the other members of PESC, we can help pioneer, promote, and provide technology solutions that will enhance the efficiency, accuracy, and security of data flows that are critical to the success of these student transitions.”

"All of us at the National Transcript Center are passionate about the increased use of open standards in education data exchange,” states Barbara S. Clements, Ph.D., Chief Standards Officer of the National Transcript Center. “Because of this, we are pleased to be working directly and more officially with the membership of PESC to ensure these standards will promote more efficient transmission of data across all levels of the education system.”

For more information about ConnectEdu, Inc., please visit www.ConnectEdu.net. For more information about National Career Assessment Services, Inc. please visit www.NCASI.com. For more information about the National Transcript Center, please visit www.TranscriptCenter.com. For more information on PESC, please visit www.PESC.org.
About ConnectEdu, Inc.
ConnectEdu offers interactive educational solutions dedicated to supporting admissions officers, transfer advisors, high school counselors, and students engaged in the education savings, search, admissions, transfer and financial aid processes. Through our proprietary technology platform - Connect!® - we enable students and advisors to collaboratively identify and compare transferable units between multiple schools at one time. Additionally, our admissions solutions provide a means of highly qualified, direct communication between prospective applicants and colleges which positively impacts relationship development & increases retention.

About NCASI
National Career Assessment Services, Inc., (NCASI) was formed in 1997 to provide an improved quality of assessment, career guidance, and educational planning to the nation’s youth. In order to fulfill that purpose, NCASI has progressively and planfully added staff and resources in order to reach its current status as one of the nation’s leading providers of Internet-based assessment, career guidance, and educational planning for students and adults alike. NCASI was founded by its current President Phillip R. Harrington. It is located, with its affiliated companies, in the heart of the Midwest, in Adel, Iowa.

About the National Transcript Center
The National Transcript Center (NTC) is a secure national server that improves the efficiency, reliability, cost, and security of academic transcripts and student records. Using the NTC, schools and districts with Prekindergarten-Grade 12 students and postsecondary institutions will be able to transmit records using the open national standard of their choice.

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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