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Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Specifications Approved by PESC Members As Education Community Standards Data Transport Standard v. 2.0 and Transcript Request and Response Still Open for Public Comment

Washington, D.C. ~ The Board of Directors and Steering Committee of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) are pleased to announce the release of the XML Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch specifications as PESC Member-Approved National Education Community Standards. Versions 1.0 and all supporting documentation are available at www.PESC.org. This effort marks a significant milestone and achievement for the education community and for PESC.

PESC Members that approved the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch specifications as National Education Community Standards include:

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PESC also reminds all that the Data Transport Standard (DTS) version 2.0 and Transcript Request and Response specifications are still open for public comment. The public comment periods expire on Wednesday June 20, 2007 and Thursday June 21, 2007, respectively.

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