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Datatel, Oracle, and SunGard SCT Commit to Adopt and Implement PESC Standards

August 30, 2005 (Washington DC) ~ In an effort to improve the performance of the higher education network and to take proactive steps to contain costs, Datatel's Pete Nalli, Oracle's Bill Hollowsky, and SunGard SCT's Jack Kramer – all Directors on the Board of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) – recently confirmed their respective organization's commitment to adopt and implement PESC Standards. The three organizations combined represent 6,268 educational institutions both domestically and internationally.

"PESC standards set the guidelines for the higher education industry," said Pete Nalli, Director of Architecture and Software Development at Datatel. "By following these guidelines, Datatel ensures its clients the most interoperable solutions that will provide the top-notch services their constituents deserve."

"Working with PESC has helped enable Oracle to begin early adoption of the standards in our software development life cycle. Not only does this assist in reducing Oracle's development time and effort but more importantly it helps reduce complexity and lower costs for our customers," said Bill Hollowsky, Senior Director Applications Strategy at Oracle.

"Our vision of the Unified Digital Campus relies on system interoperability across the enterprise," said Jack Kramer, Senior Vice President of Solutions Architecture and Enterprise Applications at SunGard SCT. "PESC standards help us deliver environments in which systems, individuals, and communities interact seamlessly for learning, teaching, administration, and achievement."

In addition to supporting already-approved EDI standards, PESC has launched numerous XML development efforts. At its upcoming Fall 2005 Workgroup Summit to be held at the Atlanta Sheraton on October 11-12, 2005, the development workgroups will convene to further their work and discussions; and development will continue on the finalization of an education-wide data model.

For more information on PESC or the Fall 2005 Workgroup Summit, please visit www.PESC.org.

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.