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ESP Solutions Group Joins the D3M Alliance

Leading Public and Private Entities Ally to Deliver Data Driven Decision Making (D3M) Systems for State Education Agencies

AUSTIN, TEXAS (March 13, 2006) – ESP Solutions Group, the leader in K-12 education data systems and psychometrics, today announced the company has joined Edustructures, Microsoft, TetraData and Choice Solutions to form the D3M Alliance. The D3M Alliance has created — specifically to meet the unique data interoperability needs of State Education Agencies — an open data framework that provides a replicable, enterprise interoperability architecture that addresses state reporting needs for identity management, vertical reporting and longitudinal data management.

In addition to the creation of the open framework, the D3M Alliance members will work with current and prospective state clients to share best-practice information and participate in collaborative design that will benefit all states in addressing the data management issues of No Child Left Behind and other reporting mandates.

“ESP understands that there is a huge need to improve the objectiveness, timeliness, quality, accessibility, and usefulness of education data so decision makers will rely on them and make confident decisions,” said Glynn Ligon, CEO and president of ESP Solutions Group. “The D3M Alliance is a strong, industry-leading, collaborative group focused on improving the quality of data in education. ESP is please to be part of an initiative that provides State Education Agencies with a comprehensive data management solution designed around their individual needs.

About ESP Solutions Group

ESP Solutions Group provides its education agency clients with extraordinary insight into K-12 data systems and psychometrics. Its team is comprised of industry experts who pioneered the concept of “data driven decision making” and now help optimize the management of data by state and local education agencies. ESP personnel have advised all 52 state education agencies as well as the U.S. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on the practice of K-12 school data management. The firm’s management team is regarded as leading experts in understanding the data and technology implications of NCLB (the No Child Left Behind Act), EDEN (Education Data Exchange Network), and SIF (Schools Interoperability Framework).

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