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CELT SELECTED TO LEAD LONGITUDINAL EDUCATION ANALYSIS DATA SYSTEM PROJECT FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MARLBOROUGH, MA APRIL 2009: The Center for Educational Leadership and Technology (CELT) has been selected by the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) to lead the design, development, and implementation as well as ongoing support of a comprehensive longitudinal data warehouse and decision support system.

New Hampshire's data warehouse will contain student, school, district, program, assessment, policy, and Census data, while the decision support part of the system will provide access to this data by DOE program managers, policy analysts, and other educational leaders. The complete solution will support policy development, management, and funding decisions all focused on improving student achievement.

To deliver this unique and timely solution, CELT has assembled a team of industry leaders including Mariner and ESP Solutions Group. Mariner, a business intelligence and data warehousing specialist, is a Microsoft Gold Partner and was named worldwide Partner of the Year for Information Worker Solutions, Performance Management in 2008. ESP Solutions Group, a PK-12 data consulting and technology firm comprised of education experts who pioneered the concept of "Data-Driven Decision Making" (D3M), specializes in education data systems and psychometrics.

"After a very rigorous procurement process by the New Hampshire Department of Education and approval by the Governor and Council, we are pleased to be partnering with the state on this mission-critical project. CELT's world-class team will delivery a customized solution for the State of New Hampshire based on industry standards and tools," said Jim Goodell, CELT's Executive Vice President for Systems Development.

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"At CELT we recognize the potential of the data system to inform decision-making and improve teaching and learning throughout the state."

About the Center for Educational Leadership and Technology (CELT)

For nearly two decades CELT has helped align leadership, learning, and technology in support of improved student achievement, by working collaboratively with educational organizations to support and transform teaching, learning, and administrative processes. CELT is one of the largest and most comprehensive providers of research, planning, and implementation services for public/private schools, education service agencies, and departments of education. CELT's mission is to help learning organizations attain their vision, mission, and goals by integrating high-quality, programs, services, and technology with the organization's people and processes in a timely, efficient, and cost-effective way.

About Mariner

Mariner, established in 1998, specializes in business intelligence, data warehousing, business scorecards and performance dashboards to help clients improve productivity and decision making. A Microsoft partner since its inception, Mariner became a Gold Partner in 2003 and was named worldwide Partner of the Year for Information Worker Solutions, Performance Management in 2008 (IW /Performance Management solutions focus on providing business intelligence through portals and collaborative environments).

About ESP Solutions Group

ESP Solutions Group (www.espsolutionsgroup.com) is a PK-12 data consulting and technology firm specializing in education data systems and psychometrics. Our team is comprised of education experts who pioneered the concept of "Data-Driven Decision Making" (D3M) and now help optimize the management of our clients' state and local education agencies' information. The company is owned by Dr. Glynn D. Ligon, a former teacher and administrator who now serves as the company's President and CEO. ESP personnel have advised all 52 education agencies as well as the U.S. Department of Education on the practice of PK-12 school data management.

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