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National Student Clearinghouse® Names Kevin Costlow as New Director of Information Security

Herndon, Virginia, March 29, 2012 – Kevin Costlow has recently been appointed as the new Director, Information Security, at the National Student Clearinghouse® in Herndon, Virginia. The Clearinghouse, a nonprofit organization, provides educational reporting, verification, and research services to more than 3,300 colleges and universities and more than 3,700 high schools.

In this position, Mr. Costlow will direct planning and implementation to ensure the security of IT systems, business operations, and facilities of the Clearinghouse. He will be responsible for overall organization security strategy, architecture development, and program oversight. As the Clearinghouse's senior security officer, he will also be responsible for all data and information security policy and standards. His experience includes serving as a consultant, auditor, and program manager, ensuring compliance with federal regulations and standards such as the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), Payment Card Industry (PCI), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA.)

Previously, Mr. Costlow was the Director, IT Operations and Security, at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, Maryland, where he led the support services contract for a number of security and operations teams. He has worked as Security Program Manager at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Historical Trust Accounting, Washington, D.C.; Security Manager at Verizon Cyber-Trust Security in Herndon, Virginia; IT Security Manager at AARP, Washington, D.C.; and Security Consultant at IBM in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Washington, D.C. He has also provided consulting services and briefings for the U.S. intelligence community, military, and heads of state during his career. Mr. Costlow is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and holds various other security certifications (CISM, CISA, IAM/IEM) from the National Security Agency and other respected sources. He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Maryland.

“We are happy to have Kevin on board at the Clearinghouse,” stated Doug Falk, Vice President and Chief Information Officer. “With goals looking toward future growth, innovation, and modernization of infrastructure, we are continuing to meet institutions’ needs for secure systems and efficient automation. Kevin will play a strategic role in our information security strategy.”

About the National Student Clearinghouse

The National Student Clearinghouse (a non-profit formed in 1993) is the unique and trusted source for higher education enrollment and degree verifications. The Clearinghouse serves as a single point of contact for the collection and timely

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exchange of accurate and comprehensive enrollment, degree and certificate records on behalf of its more than 3,300 participating higher education institutions, which represent 96 percent of all students in public and private U.S. institutions. The Clearinghouse also provides thousands of high schools and districts with continuing collegiate enrollment, progression, and completion statistics on their alumni.

Through its verification and reporting services, the Clearinghouse saves the education community cumulatively nearly four hundred million dollars annually. Most Clearinghouse services are provided to colleges and universities at little or no charge, including enhanced transcript and research services, enabling institutions to redistribute limited staff and budget resources to more important student service efforts. Clearinghouse services are designed to facilitate an institution's compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, The Higher Education Act, and other applicable laws.

In addition, the Clearinghouse provides accurate, timely enrollment and degree verifications to student loan providers, employers, student credit issuers, the U.S. Department of Education, and others who access its registry more than half a billion times annually.

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