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Center for Educational Leadership and Technology Partners with National Leadership Organization on Data Architecture and Collaboration Project

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Marlborough, MA, May 14, 2007 – The Center for Educational Leadership and Technology (CEL T) was recently selected by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) to promote collaboration among state and district education leaders by advising them on the use of business processes to improve planning and develop frameworks for the effective use of student information. This project expands the work of an earlier project known as the Decision Support Architecture Consortium, which evaluated the information systems of twenty-six states, created a model for defining and creating student data systems, and recommended the effective use of system-wide data to improve student instruction and assessment. Both the previous and current DSAC work are part of CCSSO’s National Education Data Partnership, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Through a series of work sessions, CEL T staff and associates led by Rick Rozzelle, CEL T’s President and Chief Technology Officer, will guide eight states and twenty-four districts on how to build business processes that support the use of technology and data systems alike to gather, store, distribute, and share information for use in instructional improvement. Through CEL T, Mr. Rozzelle is currently assisting the University of Virginia’s Partnership for Leaders in Education, a program offered by the university’s Darden School of Business and Curry School of Education to provide executive leadership training to district administrators.

“Working with our nation’s education leaders is truly the next logical step in building upon our earlier work with the Decision Support Architecture Consortium. I am eager to re-connect with the people who are on the front lines of improving our approach to education and the use of data and technology to advance student achievement,” said Rozzelle.

Specific outcomes for each state and district will include a model for a district-level decision support system to use in reviewing their data management systems as well as curriculum materials that will help with the evaluation and planning for technology and management needs associated with data systems.

This training will also show state and district leaders how to collaborate on technology planning for benefits that impact both the state and the district.

CEL T is an international technology services firm that provides consulting to public and private school districts, state departments of education, ministries of education, and other government organizations.

“Our previous work with the Council of Chief State School Officers set a solid foundation for this project and we are pleased to again be partnering with this exemplary, educational organization. We have great respect for the work CCSSO does and look forward to working with the educational leadership of this country to advance educational achievement”, stated Dr. John Phillip, Chief Executive Officer of CEL T.

“This collaborative work between local and state education agencies will both streamline data and improve the quality of data we use for decision-making. These data are integral to the success of states and districts in ensuring a quality education for every student,” commented Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director of CCSSO.

About CELT

Working with the vision, mission, and goals of educational organizations, CELT, a leading systems integration provider, assists with the implementation of technology in support of contemporary educational reform initiatives.

Through the implementation management of technology-based programs and services, CELT works collaboratively with educational organizations to not only support but also transform 21st century teaching, learning, and management. CELT assists public and private learning organizations at all levels with the identification, procurement, implementation, training, and integration of information products and services. This is accomplished by working cooperatively with the organization’s staff and community in conjunction with regional, national, and international information technology vendors.

CELT is one of the most comprehensive providers of research/planning programs, systems integration services, and customized decision support solutions. CELT’s goal is to provide services of the highest quality, with a focus on student achievement, in the most timely, efficient and cost-effective ways possible using the latest information technology architecture. For more information, visit www.celtcorp.com.

About CCSSO

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. The Council seeks member consensus on major educational issues and expresses their views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public.

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