



Utah State Office of Education Partners with Choice Solutions Inc and Pearson to Develop the Utah e-Transcript and Record Exchange

Improving Student Achievement by Providing Districts and Schools with Near Real-Time Data

Salt Lake City – April 4, 2011 – The Utah State Office of Education has selected Choice Solutions Inc. (in partnership with Pearson Education Solutions) to design, integrate and deliver the federally funded Utah e-Transcript and Record Exchange project (UTREx).

UTREx is a system that will allow individual, detailed student records to be exchanged electronically between any two Utah public schools, districts, and Utah State Office of Education (USOE). UTREx will also enable electronic transcripts to be sent to any participating post-secondary institution. Specifically, this project will work to streamline the data collection process so that there is the potential for a nightly submission of all student record data from all districts. This near real-time reporting to the districts and schools on their academic records greatly improves the ability of Utah's state and local education agencies to monitor students, which in turn enables more effective efforts towards improving student performance.

The UTREx project is representative of the next stage in the evolution of the USOE's data collection and record exchange. The previous system executed scheduled interval data collection processes which meant student data was outdated as soon as the day after submission. UTREx's daily management of student records ensures that information is accurate right up to the previous day's submission. Moreover, the implementation of the new system decreases the cost to manage students' records while increasing speed and accuracy.

"A major component of our success in the SLDS space has been partnerships with innovative SEAs who are at critical stages in their systems evolution." Says Srinivas Kallakurchi, President of Choice Solutions Inc. "USOE is no exception, we're proud to be an integral part of this phase of their student data collection and exchange system modernization."

About Utah State Office of Education IT Department

The Utah State Office of Education Information Technology section develops and provides cost-effective, broadly based, highly functional information technology services for Utah's public school districts, the Utah State Office of Education (USOE), and the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR). For more information, visit www.schools.utah.gov.

About Choice Solutions Inc.

Choice Solutions is an end-to-end global Enterprise IT Service and Solutions provider focusing on answers for Education that meet the needs of today while planning for the challenges of tomorrow. Engaged with over 13 state departments of Education and countless districts and regions, Choice Solutions and its national group of strategic partners bring the knowledge, passion, and skills essential to drive success in the business of teaching and learning. Visit www.ChoiceP20.com.



About Pearson

Pearson (NYSE:PSO) the global leader in education and education technology, provides innovative enterprise interoperability solutions for the PK-20 education market. Through its SIFWorks® integration platform, National Transcript Center solution, comprehensive professional services and relationships with business partners and educators, Pearson connects the systems that power education. For more information about Pearson, visit www.pearsondatasolutions.com.