UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Partner:

This letter is a Year 2000 disclosure notice* on the Student Status Confirmation Reporting version 1.2 (SSCR V1.2) software package.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and National Computer Systems, the software development contractor for SSCR, are pleased to inform you that the July 1999 release of the SSCR V1.2 software package, which ED issues to institutions upon request, is Year 2000 compliant. The Product will function accurately related to the processing of date data (including but not limited to, calculating, comparing and sequencing of dates) from, into, and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, including leap-year calculations, when used in accordance with documentation provided with the Product release, and when all third-party products used in combination with the Product properly exchange date data with it. Additional information on ED's Year 2000 activities can be found on its web page at www.ed.gov.

SSCR's Year 2000 compliance was obtained through assessment, renovation, and testing, as well as the assessment, renovation, and testing of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Year 2000 compliant Pentium personal computers (PCs), the Title IV Wide Area Network (TIVWAN), an IBM 9672-R35, and Hourglass 2000 software were used to test the following SSCR functions:

Receiving the Initial SSCR File
Transmitting the Submittal File
Receiving the Error Notification File

The functions listed above were performed with the system dates on PCs set to 12/31/1999, 01/01/2000, 02/29/2000, and 02/29/2004. The NSLDS system used Hourglass 2000 software to simulate those dates on its mainframe.

Institutions use the SSCR to report the enrollment status of student borrowers to the NSLDS.

Sincerely,

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Disclaimer: This statement does not constitute a warranty and is provided merely to facilitate users in planning for their transition to year 2000. This compliance means this software will not produce errors processing dates in connection with the century change to year 2000 when used with accurate data in accordance with its documentation, provided all other products (e.g., other software, firmware, and hardware) used with it properly exchange date data compliantly. The U.S. Department of Education and National Computer Systems assume no liability or responsibility for the use – or the consequences of the use – of this product.

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