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WIN and SREB Partner to Improve College Readiness of High School Seniors

KINGSTON, Tennessee (April 16, 2010) – WIN and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) have established a partnership to improve the 12th grade experience through the development and dissemination of on-line courses and course modules based on the most important college and career-ready standards as identified by the common core state standards initiative in reading, writing, and mathematics. These courses would address the needs of high school seniors, who have been assessed during the junior year as not having achieved the readiness standards in these areas.

Assuming the adoption by states of the common standards, most states will be moving to a college/career ready assessment that links directly to these standards. Some states are prepared to do so immediately; others may continue to rely on surrogate measures of readiness not tied as directly to the common standards – e.g., the ACT and SAT admissions tests and the Accuplacer and Compass placement (readiness) tests. Another possibility is that these national tests increasingly will come to be based directly on the common standards.

By whatever means a state assesses the readiness of high school juniors, these courses would provide supplemental instruction to students identified as not ready. In addition to being based specifically on the common state standards, the courses would be module-based and adaptive to enable the exact standards not yet achieved by an individual student to be targeted.

The course content would be developed jointly by WIN and SREB. SREB has been a leader in the development of senior year supplemental courses and in the development of statewide college/career ready initiatives such as High Schools That Work.

WIN brings considerable experience in instructional services in preparing students for careers and college and in the use of technology and on-line curriculum. WIN is the leading publisher of Career Readiness Courseware, a program designed to deliver skills-based training college and career readiness. For more information, visit www.w-win.com.

The Southern Regional Education Board is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works with 16 member states to improve public pre-K-12 and higher education. Founded by the region's governors and legislators in 1948, SREB was America's first interstate compact for education. SREB's mission is ambitious: to help SREB states lead the nation in educational progress. For more information, visit www.SREB.org

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