



National Transcript Center

Introducing the Fastest Way to Connect Colleges to the SPEEDE Server

NTC QuickConnect™ Begins New Era for Postsecondary Electronic Transcripts

Austin, TX, July 17, 2007—The National Transcript Center (NTC), a division of ESP Solutions Group, announced today the launch of NTC QuickConnect™, a next generation tool in the world of academic transcript exchange. NTC QuickConnect™ allows colleges and universities to receive electronic transcripts from thousands of high schools, community colleges, and other universities throughout North America.

Designed primarily for college admissions offices and other high volume recipients of student transcripts, NTC QuickConnect™ is a web-based application that builds upon the strengths and size of the SPEEDE Server, which is hosted at The University of Texas at Austin. Hundreds of colleges currently send transcripts through the SPEEDE Server using Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) specifications, a decades-old technology.

However, up until the launch of NTC QuickConnect™ many institutions found they lacked the time, financial resources, or technical expertise required to implement a complex EDI integration. After witnessing this frustration, The National Transcript Center went to work to simplify this process and enable a new generation of trading partners on the SPEEDE Server.

Customers subscribing to NTC QuickConnect™ are set-up on the SPEEDE Server within three business days, with no technical integration required of NTC's customer. Upon set-up, NTC customers can receive transcripts from both the SPEEDE Server and the National Transcript Center. Moreover, NTC QuickConnect™ simplifies the user experience so that non-technical staff can start accepting electronic transcripts through NTC's web-based application after only a few minutes of training. NTC QuickConnect™ makes complicated EDI translation software obsolete and ushers in a more user-friendly era of secure student transcript exchange.

"The SPEEDE Server has a very compelling value proposition for colleges, and it is up to the prospective college to complete its own technical integration," said Mark D. Johnson, president of NTC. "If your college did not have the time, money, or staff - you were stuck receiving paper transcripts. We believe that NTC QuickConnect™ is an ideal solution for the hundreds of colleges that want a quick and painless way to start receiving electronic college transcripts from the SPEEDE Server as well as high school transcripts from NTC."

Each college on NTC QuickConnect™ selects its own preferred data standard, including SPEEDE EDI, Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) College XML, PESC High School XML, and others. More importantly, NTC's data translation engine translates data between supported formats.

Barbara Clements, Ph.D., chief standards officer of NTC explains the significance of this feature: "Because NTC has cross-walked and translated between national standards, NTC

QuickConnect™ can take a SPEEDE EDI transcript sent from one institution on the SPEEDE Server and translate into PESC XML for the recipient, or vice versa. That PESC XML data can be downloaded, and if the recipient desires, loaded into several different applications and systems at the university.” In addition, easy to interpret PDFs accompany the data, and these can be printed out or archived.

Pricing is based on an annual subscription and there are no individual transaction costs. NTC QuickConnect™ is \$2,500 per year for a college admissions office that represents 5,000 or more students. For institutions with an enrollment less than 5,000, the price is \$1,750 per year.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL TRANSCRIPT CENTER

The National Transcript Center (NTC) is the largest electronic transcript vendor in the world, representing over 9,000 institutions and over 5 million students.

NTC was established to improve the efficiency, reliability, cost, and security of academic transcript exchange for K-12 schools, state education agencies, colleges and universities, and co-academic organizations. Based in Austin, Texas, the National Transcript Center is a highly secure and highly scalable trading network. NTC offers privacy and identity protection that far exceeds today’s offerings.

For more information on the National Transcript Center, please visit <http://www.transcriptcenter.com/>.