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### **The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Signs Exclusive Agreement with Pearson VUE for Testing Services**

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn., June 15, 2005** – Pearson VUE, the electronic testing business of Pearson Education, today announced that it signed a seven-year contract with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to be the exclusive test delivery provider for the computer-based Emergency Medical Technician exams. As part of this agreement, Pearson VUE will also provide the NREMT with psychometric services.

Beginning in January 2007, these exams will be delivered electronically throughout the United States and its territories in the Pearson VUE-owned and -operated network of more than 200 Pearson Professional Centers supplemented by select Pearson VUE<sup>®</sup> Authorized Center locations in rural areas. With over 300 test centers to choose from, NREMT candidates will have the flexibility to test when they want, at a location convenient for them.

The NREMT is the national certifying agency established to service the Emergency Medical Services community by providing a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice required by EMS professionals across the country. The NREMT seeks to verify that every EMT who passes the NREMT exam possesses the necessary skills and knowledge to competently provide entry-level, pre-hospital emergency medical care. The NREMT also maintains a registry of certification status.

“The implementation of computer-based testing is important to the NREMT as we seek to serve the EMS community by providing a valid, reliable exam in a way that maximizes benefits for our candidates. By transitioning our paper-and-pencil administered exams to computer adaptive testing (CAT), candidates will realize increased flexibility, the convenience of testing when and where they choose, an easier registration and scheduling process and more rapid turnaround of test results,” said Bill Brown, NREMT executive director. “This will also benefit the state licensing agencies with faster access to information about their job applicants allowing them to fill openings and service their communities more quickly.”

“We are pleased the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians chose Pearson VUE as its testing solution partner for its conversion from paper-and-pencil testing to computer-based testing. We look forward to bringing the many benefits of electronic testing to the EMS community. Our psychometric services combined with a fully integrated testing system and our state-of-the-art test centers will provide the consistency, control, security and coverage the NREMT requires,” said Bob Whelan, vice president and general manager of Pearson VUE.

Pearson VUE ([www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)) is the electronic testing business of Pearson Education, which in turn is part of Pearson, the international media company. Pearson’s primary operations also include the Financial Times Group and the Penguin Group.

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