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State of New York Awards Questar Assessment, Inc., New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test Contract

Apple Valley, MN, August 11, 2010 -- Questar Assessment, Inc. (www.QuestarAI.com), a leading educational assessment provider for states, school districts, and higher education institutions, has announced a contract award from the New York State Education Department for the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT). This assessment program measures annual progress toward English proficiency of students classified as being limited English proficient/English language learners (LEP/ELL), and will address Title III program accountability requirements set forth with the No Child Left Behind Act. An estimated 260,000 New York students in grades K–12 will participate in the program next year.

Questar's 4-year contract for the NYSESLAT assessment begins with the 2010–2011 school year and includes development, field testing, and scoring of new items during the first two years of the contract. Questar offers extensive experience in ELL assessments and scoring and currently conducts and scores state ELL programs for Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, and Utah. Questar also hand-scores constructed responses for the English language proficiency certification assessments produced by the University of Michigan's English Language Institute.

"Questar is a nationwide leader in the planning, development, and implementation of ELP assessments," said Roy Lipner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Questar. "We are very pleased to partner with the New York State Education Department to administer the NYSESLAT assessment and to provide comprehensive solutions for assessing the English language proficiency of New York students. "

About Questar Assessment, Inc.

Questar Assessment, Inc., is a leading educational assessment provider for states, schools, and school districts. Headquartered in Minnesota and New York, Questar offers comprehensive custom assessment services—from large-scale statewide assessment programs to alternate, modified, and English language proficiency assessments. Questar provides complete, end-to-end services designed to address all aspects of assessment from test design, development, calibration, and psychometric services to print production, distribution, scanning, scoring, reporting, and data analysis. Questar also offers customized online testing services to schools

and educational entities in the K–12 market. For further information, visit www.QuestarAI.com or call 800-800-2598.

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