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New Service Allows Oklahoma Teachers to View Certification Scores Online

OKLAHOMA CITY – July 1, 2013 – The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (<u>OCTP</u>) recently released a new application allowing Oklahoma Educators an online location, available 24/7, to view certification examination history on multiple platforms. In addition, the application allows OCTP to collect and monitor Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Education (CEOE) data electronically.

The <u>OCTP</u> Educator Assessment application was created to replace an antiquated Access database, and has compiled an all-new electronic database of CEOE scores for educators and educator candidates for the State of Oklahoma. The application will help alleviate staffing constraints needed to complete previously manual and time consuming processes.

"<u>OCTP</u> routinely fielded calls from schools or teachers needing a copy of their test results," said Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation Interim Executive Director, Renee Launey-Rodolf. "The new online tool will help reduce the call volume by allowing the users to login and print off their scores themselves."

For more information about <u>OCTP</u> and to access the application, visit <u>http://www.octp.org</u>. The online service is a product of a partnership between the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and <u>OK.gov</u>, Oklahoma's Official Web site managed by the eGovernment firm, <u>NIC</u> Inc. (NASDAQ: <u>EGOV</u>).

About OCTP

In May 1995, House Bill 1549 established the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (<u>OCTP</u>) for the express purpose of developing and implementing a new competency-based teacher preparation, candidate assessment, and professional development system. <u>OCTP</u>'s mission is to prepare exceptional educators to teach all students.

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