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Prominent Demographer, Senate Leader headline ACICS Conference

Washington, D.C. – Workforce demographic expert Dr. James Johnson and Senator Mike Haridopolos (District 26 – Florida) are featured speakers at “Professional Standards, Powerful Outcomes,” the ACICS Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference June 12 - 13 at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida.

The event also features workshops on accreditation and evaluator training, discussion forums on job placement best practices, and a recognition event honoring outstanding institutions and volunteer evaluators. Members will also elect two new members to the Council.

Sen. Haridopolos will address a noontime luncheon June 12. He has served in the Florida Legislature since 2000, and the Senate since 2003. He has made appearances on CNN as a guest of Lou Dobbs and has been featured in Florida Trend magazine as one “...who could shape Florida politics.” He was recently named by Hotline as one of six “rising stars” among Republican state legislators.

Dr. Johnson, considered a foremost expert on demographic trends applied to education and the workforce, will present the keynote address at the 2009 ACICS Annual Meeting at 9 a.m. June 13. He is the William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and Strategy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His presentation, “People on the Move: Implications for Career Education and the Nation’s Workforce,” will provide important perspective about demographic forces shaping America’s workforce.

“We are pleased that Sen. Haridopolos and Dr. Johnson are available to discuss the prospects for career education and the needs of a trained workforce in light of our nation’s economic circumstance,” said Eric Juhlin, ACICS Chair. “As America adjusts its economic trajectory, applied education will play a key role in ensuring an adequate and prepared workforce. The stakes go beyond the business interests of member institutions; they rise to the level of national economic recovery.”

For more information about ACICS Annual Meeting, Program etc. Please visit us online at: <http://www.acics.org/events/content.aspx?id=2920>.

ACICS accredits more than 760 professional, technical and occupational institutions serving nearly 600,000 students in the U.S. and nine foreign countries, including Saudi Arabia. ACICS is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation as a reliable authority on institutional quality.



FACT SHEET

ACICS Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference

“Professional Standards, Powerful Outcomes”

WHAT: Annual Meeting and Conference of ACICS, largest accreditor of degree-granting professional, technical and occupational institutions in the U.S.

WHERE: Orlando Marriott World Center Resort
8701 World Center Drive
Orlando, Florida 32821
(202) 905-6845

WHEN: June 12 and 13, 2009

WHOM: Members and officials from some of the 760 ACICS institutions throughout 46 states and nine countries will be attending, along with officials from the U.S. Department of Education and volunteer accreditation evaluators from throughout North America.

SPEAKERS: Florida Senator Mike Haridopolos, a former college history professor will speak at 12:30 p.m. Friday. He is chair of the Senate’s committee on Government Operations, as well as the committee on Government Oversight and Accountability. His district serves parts of Brevard, Indian River, Osceola, and St. Lucie counties on the central eastern coast of Florida; he has served in the Legislature since 2000, and the Senate since 2003.

Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr., considered one of the foremost experts on demographic trends as applied to education and the workforce, will present the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. He is the William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and Strategy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His presentation is entitled, “People on the Move: Implications for Career Education and the Nation’s Workforce.”

AWARDS LUNCHEON:

Noontime Saturday, 45 institutions will receive recognition as Honor Roll Schools for outstanding quality. Also, the Awards Luncheon will recognize exceptional volunteer evaluators for professionalism, diligence and integrity. Winners are Terry Campbell, Evaluator of the Year; Rogena Kyles, Chair of the Year; and Joyce Strout, Student Relations Evaluator of the Year.

DEMO OF NEW INTERACTIVE DATABASE:

ACICS will demonstrate its new interactive database, designed to better serve schools and evaluators, at the annual meeting Saturday morning. The new technology platform will enable member institutions, through on-line access, to review accounts and edit contact information; search the membership directory; upload, view and print documents; submit online applications and data; pay sustaining and user fees; receive updates and track applications; and to obtain instructions, training and assistance.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

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ABOUT ACICS:

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