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EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AT THE FOREFRONT OF MATHEMATICS ELEARNING IN NORTH AMERICA

OTTAWA, June 5, 2002: Building on the most successful multimedia program for teaching and learning mathematics in Canada, “The Learning Equation - TLE®”, ACERRA and Brooks/Cole Thomson Learning have teamed up again to develop and deliver a new leading-edge, Web-based TLE® product line.

Methodologies employed in the use of technology for learning have changed dramatically in the past 10 years, including the requirement for more advanced and accessible delivery methods. Now through the Web, course selection and curriculum customization will be based on individual institution and faculty requirements and will be expandable and adaptable to meet the teaching paths of individual instructors. Students will also learn at a pace conducive to their skill levels, while freeing teachers for more one-on-one instruction with those students who require extra attention.

The partnership places Brooks/Cole Thomson Learning and ACERRA at the forefront of mathematics eLearning in North America. “ACERRA’s content delivery, teamed with the most powerful and easy to use course management and customizable assessment tools available, will provide an online learning environment for mathematics unequalled in North America,” said Jennifer Huber, of Brooks/Cole.

In independent studies, TLE® products have already proved successful with TLE students outperforming their non-TLE counterparts. “Brooks/Cole continues to push the limits by setting the highest standards of quality in the industry, demanding equivalent performance in their on-line products. We are proud to work so closely with such an innovative organization”, said Justin Ferrabee of ACERRA. “Providing students and teachers with the tools to develop the skills they need will prove invaluable as K-12 and post secondary education takes front and center in building the next generation of knowledge workers”, added Mr. Ferrabee.

About ACERRA:

ACERRA is a learning company. ACERRA’s team of over 75 learning professionals combines diverse curriculum and delivery methods into integrated, customized solutions that are learner-centric and business-driven. From strategy to implementation, curriculum development to multimedia programming, in-class instruction to online learning, ACERRA brings an unparalleled breadth of learning skills and expertise to our customers.

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With \$15 million in annual revenues, ACERRA, a division of Algonquin College, is one of Canada's leading learning providers. ACERRA's web site can be found at <http://www.acerra.ca>.

About Thomson Learning - Brooks/Cole:

Headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut, with multiple offices worldwide, Thomson Learning is part of The Thomson Corporation, one of the world's leading information companies with interests in specialized information worldwide. Thomson has annual revenues of over US \$6 billion. The Corporation's common shares are listed on the Toronto and London Stock Exchanges.

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