



## Thomson Prometric to Provide Access to Testing on Behalf of the Department of Defense

September 13, 2006

BALTIMORE, Sept. 13 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomson Prometric, the global leader in assessment services, and part of the Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), today announced an agreement with Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) that allows DANTES Test Control Officers the ability to provide on-site Computer Based Testing at Department of Defense (DoD) installations. These on-site testing services providing access to IT certifications are now available to all eligible DoD service members, DoD civilians and contractors.

While this agreement allows Thomson Prometric to establish a computer-based test center on-base, immediate availability of testing is also possible at off-base test centers. Currently, Thomson Prometric has a testing center within 100 miles of the vast majority of DoD installations. The increased accessibility to required tests will allow Test Control officers to better assist DoD employees in meeting compliance with Department of Defense Directive 8570 which mandates commercial certifications for personnel performing IT Security Functions. Providing these services off-base reduces the necessary investment and oversight of that military installation.

"We look forward to continuing our efforts with DANTES to support the off-duty, voluntary education programs of the Department of Defense," said Ray Kelly, senior vice president, Sales and Marketing, Thomson Prometric. "Helping government organizations successfully administer licensure programs is a core function of our business."

In addition, this agreement complements an existing exclusive agreement with Thomson Prometric which provides DANTES with the DSST college credit exams allowing DoD employees the ability to receive college credit by testing out of courses in a multitude of fields. In addition to the DSST exams, this agreement allows for on-site delivery of certification and licensure testing for all of our programs including CompTIA, Microsoft, Oracle, Linux, Cisco Systems, and many others.

Dr. Jeffrey P. Cropsy, Director for DANTES said the following "We are pleased to build upon our existing relationship with Thomson Prometric to support the need for IT certification exams within the Department of Defense. The expertise these exams represent is critical to our Nation's defense."

For additional information on Thomson Prometric, please visit [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com).

About The Thomson Corporation and Thomson Prometric

The Thomson Corporation ([www.thomson.com](http://www.thomson.com)), with 2005 revenues of approximately \$8.40 billion, is a global leader in providing integrated information solutions to business and professional customers. Thomson provides value-added information, software tools and applications to more than 20 million users in the fields of law, tax, accounting, financial services, higher education, reference information, corporate e-learning and assessment, scientific research and healthcare. With operational headquarters in Stamford, Conn., Thomson has approximately 40,500 employees and provides services in approximately 130 countries. The Corporation's common shares are listed on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC). Thomson Prometric ([www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com)) is the recognized global leader in testing and assessment services, providing paper-and-pencil, Internet and computer-based testing solutions. It offers a fully integrated testing system that includes test development, test delivery and data management capabilities. On behalf of 600 current clients in the academic, professional, government, corporate and information technology markets, Thomson Prometric develops and/or delivers assessments through a global network of testing centers in 131 countries as well as direct to candidates via the Web.

SOURCE The Thomson Corporation

-0- 09/13/2006

/CONTACT: Lindsay Brown, Manager, Corporate Communications, Thomson Learning, +1-203-539-8634, [lindsay.brown@thomson.com](mailto:lindsay.brown@thomson.com)/

/Web site: <http://www.prometric.com>

<http://www.thomson.com/>

(TOC TOC.)

CO: The Thomson Corporation; Thomson Prometric; Thomson Learning;  
Department of Defense

ST: Maryland

IN: ARO EDU

SU:

KJ

-- NYW049 --

1208 09/13/2006 09:00 EDT <http://www.prnewswire.com>