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**ROBIN GUNN JOINS HARCOURT ASSESSMENT, INC., AS
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CONTRACT TESTING PROGRAMS**

SAN ANTONIO – Harcourt Assessment, Inc., announced today that Robin Gunn has joined the company as senior vice president of contract testing programs. She is based at the company's San Antonio headquarters.

In her new position, Gunn oversees a staff of more than 90 program managers and project coordinators responsible for the delivery of more than twenty complex, statewide educational testing programs designed to meet the accountability requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"Robin Gunn's ability to lead large, professional organizations and manage complex, mission-critical projects, makes her an outstanding choice for this key position," said Jeff Galt, Harcourt Assessment's president and CEO. "She is a skilled executive with a keen understanding of education services who consistently exceeds customer expectations. We are pleased that she has joined Harcourt Assessment's executive team."

Gunn comes to Harcourt Assessment from PeopleSoft USA in Atlanta, where she was vice president of education services with responsibility for global strategy and direction. While at PeopleSoft, Gunn implemented organizational and product changes that led to rapid growth in both training revenue and customer satisfaction. Her unit was responsible for the development and delivery of PeopleSoft's online training services that pioneered the concept of just-in-time training for PeopleSoft's customers throughout North America.

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Most recently, Gunn has been responsible for the integration of JD Edwards' customer education unit following its acquisition by PeopleSoft earlier this year.

During Gunn's eight years at PeopleSoft, she was also the Southeast director of education services and managed more than 11 training facilities. Under her leadership, customer satisfaction increased to more than 98 percent. Before joining PeopleSoft, Gunn was a senior instructor at Dataforce, Inc., where she authored and delivered national customer seminars for financial products. Earlier in her career, she was comptroller for a manufacturing firm and an instructor at hardware and software vendor Harris/Lanier Corporation.

Gunn holds a bachelor's degree in education from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.

Harcourt Assessment, Inc., is a leading provider of high-quality assessment instruments and testing programs. Its educational products include the Stanford Achievement Test series and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test[®]. Under the PsychCorp[™] brand, it also publishes a wide variety of clinical products, such as the Wechsler[®] family of psychological tests and the CELF[®] family of speech and language tests.

The company is affiliated with the Harcourt book publishing companies, and together they form the global education brand of Reed Elsevier Group plc (NYSE: RUK and ENL) -- a world-leading publisher and information provider operating in the science and medical, legal, education and business-to-business industry sectors.

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