

PRESS RELEASE

**LEXIS NEXIS AND HARCOURT EDUCATION PARTNER WITH
VOLUNTEERMATCH TO ENGAGE WORKFORCE IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

(MIAMISBURG, OH and ORLANDO, FL) LexisNexis and Harcourt Education (members of Reed Elsevier, plc) have partnered with VolunteerMatch, the nonprofit dedicated to making it easier for anyone to find a rewarding way to volunteer, to help engage their employees in volunteer opportunities throughout the United States.

With VolunteerMatch's business service, the LexisNexis and Harcourt Education workforce can now access the VolunteerMatch network of over 39,000 nonprofit organizations, and any of their employees can use VolunteerMatch to receive a list of volunteer opportunities based on individual interests and ZIP code.

"Because we value the importance of volunteerism and the service our employees provide to their communities," said Andy Prozes, CEO of LexisNexis Group, "we are pleased to offer a nationwide online service to help them locate volunteer opportunities that fit their interests, skills and schedules."

Pat Tierney, President and CEO of Harcourt Education stated "Harcourt Education has a heritage of giving back to the communities we serve. Partnering with VolunteerMatch reinforces that commitment." Both agree that working with VolunteerMatch will allow their employees to find and support new volunteer opportunities across the US.

VolunteerMatch also helps make it easier for employees of companies like LexisNexis and Harcourt Education to volunteer, and for national nonprofit organizations like The American Red Cross and the National CASA to recruit volunteers locally, regionally, and nationally.

The Reed Elsevier Cares Program, sponsored by Reed Elsevier, parent company to LexisNexis and Harcourt Education, encourages employees to be actively involved in their communities through volunteering. All employees are encouraged to take advantage of a two-days off (with pay) employee benefit to participate in volunteer activities. Reed Elsevier Cares is not just about volunteerism. Together with

significant programs like Matching Gifts, community partnerships with key customers, and monetary donations both regionally and throughout the developing world, Reed Elsevier Cares demonstrates the company's leadership and commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility. Both LexisNexis and Harcourt Education continue to raise the bar with innovative projects like the VolunteerMatch initiative.

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VolunteerMatch is where volunteering begins, enabling volunteers and businesses to find local nonprofits by ZIP code, get involved based on skills and interests, and support a community network committed to civic engagement. Since 1998, VolunteerMatch has helped volunteers make more than 2.5 million matches to 41,000+ nonprofits throughout the United States, earning the national nonprofit worldwide acclaim, two Webby Awards, and recognition from M.I.T., the Smithsonian Institution and The White House.