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National Science Center, Inc. Chairman of the Board and CEO Resigns

Augusta, GA -- Joe F. Edwards, Chairman of the Board and CEO of the National Science Center, Inc., announced his resignation.

Edwards, a former NASA astronaut and decorated naval aviator, assumed the position of Chairman of the Board and CEO in June 2002. Mr. Edwards has been instrumental in creating national educational partnerships between the National Science Center and corporations such as General Dynamics, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and others, as well as strengthening NSC's partnership with the United States Army. With his leadership, the organization has added more than 225 new educational programs, created national visibility with governmental and industrial leaders and increased the national scope and influence of NSC operations.

The resignation is effective January 3, though Edwards will remain on the NSC Board of Directors and be actively involved as a representative of the organization throughout the country and in developing and executing educational programs.

"Janet, Ally and I sincerely appreciate the way in which Augusta welcomed us to this wonderful community," stated Edwards. "I will be working in the Washington, D.C. area as an executive with EDS, but we do not consider ourselves as leaving the NSC family, as much as we are providing an opportunity for another leader to join us and bring their experience to the table. We will always treasure the experiences we have had here and the friendships we have shared. I particularly want to thank the CSRA community for the professional support you have given me and the organization," added Edwards.

"Joe Edwards has made a significant contribution toward the achievement of NSC's mission. We hate to see him go, but wish him the best in his new endeavor," said Monty Osteen, a member of the board of NSC.

Today the National Science Center delivers 280 laboratory-based educational programs throughout the nation in the areas of distance learning, national math and science in-school and after-school programs, tractor-trailer based mobile labs, portable planetariums, among others. NSC programs are delivered in each of the 50 states each year as well as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American schools overseas.

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