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NSLP Extends Zero Guarantee Fee Through 2006

Saves students and parents \$23 million over coming year.

(March 1, 2005) – NSLP will continue its zero guarantee fee for Stafford and PLUS loans through September 30, 2006. “Waiving the 1% fee saves students and parents about \$23 million a year that they can use to pay other educational costs,” said Randy Heesacker, NSLP’s Executive Vice President.

Record low student loan default rates, effective default prevention activities, and better-than-average defaulted loan recoveries helped NSLP build a strong financial position over the last several years. NSLP’s all-time low annual default (trigger) rate of 1.06% and cohort default rate of 4.4% are among the lowest for all major guaranty agencies.

“We’ve successfully reduced defaults and effectively managed our required reserves so we can continue to waive the fee,” Heesacker said. NSLP’s board approved the zero guarantee fee after an extensive review of the company’s finances and the recommendation of senior management.

NSLP will continue to waive the guarantee fee as long as it’s financially feasible to do so and it’s permitted by law and regulation.

For more information about NSLP visit <http://www.nslp.org>.

Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, the National Student Loan Program is a private, nonprofit corporation in its second decade as a student loan guaranty agency. NSLP works with lenders and post-secondary schools across the nation to help students gain access to low-cost student loans. With annual loan guarantees of over \$2.3 billion, NSLP is one of the nation’s major guaranty agencies and continues to serve as the designated guaranty agency for Nebraska.