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ACCESS GROUP TOP ORIGINATOR OF GRADUATE PLUS LOANS

Wilmington, DE: Access Group, the nonprofit graduate loan specialist, was listed as the top Graduate PLUS Loan lender for 2006 by Student Marketmeasure, Inc., based on Department of Education federal loan statistics for fiscal year 2006.

Access Group's Graduate PLUS volume for FY06 totaled \$278,886,679 with 14,806 loans originated. According to Daniel R. Lau, Access Group's president and chief executive officer, "When federal legislation in early 2006 extended PLUS Loans to graduate and professional students beginning July 1, Access Group moved quickly to implement this important new program. As a leader in graduate education financing, with a mission to positively influence education financing practices and provide services for students and schools, we immediately offered workshops, educational sessions, and materials about Graduate PLUS loans to school administrators around the country. We also published a variety of materials to help students understand and learn about the new Graduate PLUS Loan option."

Access Group's Graduate PLUS Loan offers a fixed interest rate as low as 7.25%, which includes a 1.00% interest rate reduction that begins with the first on-time payment and continues as long as payments remain on time. There is an additional 0.25% reduction for automatic debit payments. The loan also offers a "second chance" feature, which allows borrowers to regain the "on-time" interest rate reduction incentive even if they are late with a payment.

About Access Group

Access Group, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that has specialized in providing graduate and professional student loans for more than 20 years. Its products include federally guaranteed (FFELP) loans and private loans for students financing their law, business, medical, dental, health, and other graduate degrees. Access Group also creates custom loan options and university-wide programs for schools to meet the unique needs of their students. The company offers flexible repayment options for all loans, as well as the Federal Consolidation Loan program. Access Group also provides borrower education materials and need analysis services for students and financial aid administrators. For more information, visit accessgroup.org.

About Student Marketmeasure, Inc.

Student Marketmeasure provides accurate federal student loan information for banks, secondary lenders, guarantee agencies and loan servicing organizations, and processes and reports data on federal student loans by state, school, originating lenders, guarantee agencies and loan servicers.