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AMERICA'S PERFECT STORM: THREE FORCES CHANGING OUR NATION'S FUTURE

ETS Releases Landmark Report at National Press Club Newsmaker

WHAT: ETS will release a landmark report at a National Press Club Newsmaker press conference that warns that America is in the midst of a perfect storm that, if unaddressed, will limit our economic potential, threaten our democratic ideals and place a majority of Americans at risk.

“America’s Perfect Storm: Three Forces Changing Our Nation’s Future,” a report by ETS’s Policy Information Center, contends that the confluence of three forces—declining literacy rates among adults, growing numbers of less-educated and lower-skilled workers, and widening wage gaps between the most and least skilled—will have dire consequences that could turn the American dream into an American tragedy. Our nation is at a crossroads and must determine whether to continue on a path that limits American competitiveness and access to a reasonable standard of living for large segments of our population, or invest in new policies that will enhance competitiveness and help the nation grow together.

WHO: **Kurt M. Landgraf**, President and CEO, Educational Testing Service
Arthur J. Rothkopf, Senior Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Irwin Kirsch, Ph.D., Director, Center for Global Assessment, ETS

WHEN: 10 a.m. February 5, 2007

WHERE: National Press Club, 13th Floor, Peter Zenger Room
529 14th St. NW, Washington, DC

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