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Council of the Great City Schools Launches Business Venture To Help Nation's School Systems Save Dollars, Improve Efficiencies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 – With the success of an operational planning tool fit for the *Fortune 500*, the Council of the Great City Schools has launched a commercial venture to make its automated Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Performance Management System available to public school districts nationwide, especially beneficial during the nation's economic uncertainties.

The Council, the principal organization representing the country's largest urban public school districts, recently established a business partnership with TransACT Communications, Inc. to make its key performance indicators available to school systems beyond its 67 member urban school districts, which will continue to have access to the KPIs at no cost.

Urban public school districts have pioneered and advanced a data-driven, online performance management system to give non-instructional school executives immediate strategic performance data to improve business operations and efficiencies and save dollars for school systems.

The ActPoint® KPI Performance Management System is an outgrowth of the Council's Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Project, launched in 2004 that pioneered the development of key performance indicators to gauge financial, information technology, business services and human resource operations in big-city school districts. For more information about the ActPoint® KPI Performance Management System, go to <http://www.actpoint.com>.

"It has taken two years of negotiations and planning to develop the venture that will provide some 300 key performance indicators to school administrators seeking a business-modeling tool for planning efficiencies and savings in operations," says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. "It will also produce a modest revenue stream for the Council to upgrade and maintain the KPI services to subscribers and our urban-school members."

The Council's KPI Performance Management System has been evaluated independently by the American Institutes for Research, and results show substantial use of the system and numerous examples of urban school savings and improvements nationwide.

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