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Rhode Island to Implement PK-20 Statewide Longitudinal Data System

Addison, TX (July 28, 2010) – Mizuni, Inc. is pleased to announce that the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has selected Mizuni, in partnership with Urban Policy Development (UPD) Consulting, to design and implement the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) for the State of Rhode Island. Mizuni and UPD Consulting will combine their expertise to provide RIDE with a solution to link PK-12, Higher Education, Labor and Training data and give teachers and districts better information to improve student achievement.

The PK-20 Statewide Longitudinal Data System will be funded through a grant received by Rhode Island in 2009 from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences SLDS Grant Program. The goal of the grant is to implement an electronic interoperability framework that will enable RIDE to increase interoperability between schools and districts, resulting in effective longitudinal tracking of students from early childhood education through the workforce.

"RIDE has extraordinary vision on how they will use data to inform administrators and teachers to improve student outcomes," said Ignacio Ybarra, President of Mizuni, Inc. "Mizuni is excited to be part of the team chosen to make this vision a reality."

About Mizuni, Inc.

Fusing a commitment to improving education with decades of experience developing corporate enterprise solutions, Mizuni, Inc. has pioneered an innovative data-driven decision-making solution for education. The Mizuni PK-20 Enterprise Information Management Solution for States informs instruction and improves student achievement by providing educators with accurate, real-time information. Our solution is comprised of the Mizuni Data Warehouse, Mizuni Dashboard Suite, Mizuni Zone Integration Server, Mizuni SIF Agents, and Mizuni Unique State ID and Locator Solution for Students and Employees. Also available is the Mizuni PK-12 Enterprise Information Management Solution for School Districts designed to meet the unique information needs of Local Education Agencies. Today, over 900,000 students throughout the United States benefit from the Mizuni Solution. For more information, please visit www.mizuni.com.

About Urban Policy Development (UPD) Consulting

To implement the RIDE solution, Mizuni is partnering with UPD Consulting, a Baltimore-based, minority-owned public sector management consulting firm that specializes in a wide range of services including organizational transformation, performance management and accountability, education data systems and public-private partnerships. To learn more, visit www.updconsulting.com.

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