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NASDTEC Elects New President at Annual Conference ***Arkansas' Dr. Frank Servedio assumes new role in national organization***

*Washington, D.C.—June 26, 2013--*Dr. Frank Servedio of the Arkansas Department of Education has been elected as the president of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) for the 2013-14 year. Servedio is currently the Special Projects Administrator in Arkansas' Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Educator Licensure, and he has been with the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) since 2000.

Servedio is a long-time leader in NASDTEC, most recently serving as Southern Regional Director, a post which coordinates and reports activities among 17 states within the organization. His roles at ADE have included extensive work with all aspects of data collection and analysis for the state's institutions of higher education as well as spearheading Arkansas' implementation of other federal programs, including Highly Qualified Teacher compliance. He is a veteran educator, with over 25 years of teaching on both the K-12 and university levels before joining ADE.

"I am humbled by the membership's selection of me as president, and I appreciate all the support of the Executive Board and my colleagues," Servedio said during the NASDTEC Annual Conference in June. "NASDTEC has a very unique role in the arena of teacher certification and preparation, and I want to continue to increase our national presence on these issues."

NASDTEC is the only national organization representing all state teacher certification agencies in the United States and beyond as well as many teacher education institutions on important issues related to teacher preparation, certification, and professional practices. More information may be found at: www.nasdtec.net.

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