TABE® Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence in Adult Education

Minneapolis, April 3, 2017 – [Data Recognition Corporation](#) (DRC) announced a milestone anniversary for the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE). For 50 years, TABE has been a well-respected assessment tool for use in adult education. Today, TABE remains the most comprehensive and reliable assessment product in the education industry, providing a solid foundation for effectively assessing the skills and knowledge of adult learners.

"TABE's history of achievement began in 1967," noted Susan Engeleiter, Chief Executive Officer and President of DRC. "Since that time we have delivered five editions of the TABE test—TABE 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8, 9&10—and have expanded the TABE product family to include web-based administration (TABE Online), English language proficiency assessment (TABE CLAS-E), and solutions to improve instructor effectiveness and student achievement (TABE Professional Development)."

Adult education professionals rely on TABE more than any other assessment in the country. Jane Silveria, State Supervisor at the Florida Department of Education, reflected on the history of TABE and her experience using the assessment:

"As a long time user, I like to reflect on the changes in the test over the years. TABE has always managed to stay current with the trends. I remember TABE 1&2 and the emphasis on back to basics and even the testing of Roman Numerals."

New TABE 11&12 and Website Update

To mark the 50th anniversary, DRC is introducing a new website for the TABE product line: www.tabetest.com. The company also plans to release the newest edition of the assessment—TABE 11&12—later this year (pending NRS approval). Based on the new national College- and Career-Readiness Standards, TABE 11&12 will build upon the well-established reputation of the TABE family of tests and measure the necessary skills to be successful in everyday and work-related situations.

"We are proud to celebrate the evolution of TABE into the market leader it is today," said Engeleiter. "With the new TABE 11&12, we will continue to meet the needs of the adult education community with an assessment that reflects the changing job market and measures the new skills needed by today's adult learners."

New Online Testing Platform

TABE's 50th anniversary also marks the transition to a new online testing platform. Later this year, TABE will be powered by DRC INSIGHT[TM], the industry's most reliable online testing engine. With improved functionality, greater scalability, and a full-featured, accessible testing interface, the TABE Online experience will be even more efficient for instructors and more engaging for students.

TABE Featured at the 2017 COABE National Conference

DRC will launch the new TABE website, and preview TABE 11&12 and the new online testing engine, at the 2017 COABE National Adult Education Conference in Orlando, Florida, April 2–5. Visit DRC at booths 120–121 and attend our session, *A New TABE for a New Era*, on April 5.

About Data Recognition Corporation

For decades, DRC has maintained a tradition of excellence in educational assessment publication, administration, and reporting. DRC offers educational assessments for the pre-K, K–12, and adult education markets, across the U.S. and internationally. DRC customers include public, private, charter, and faith-based schools and districts; state governments; and other educational organizations.

DRC assessments have passed rigorous reviews at the state and federal level, and for the past 50 years, the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE®) have been the premier measure of achievement used by educators, states, employers, and correctional facilities to assess the knowledge and skills of adult learners. In addition to TABE, DRC publishes *TerraNova*®, LAS Links®, and the TASC Test Assessing Secondary Completion™, and delivers custom, K–12 statewide assessment programs for 13 states and 1 consortium.

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