



**INDIANA COMMISSION** *for*  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**INDIANA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EARNS FIRST PLACE IN PESC COMPETITION**

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education announces today that its submission “One State, Two Initiatives: Indiana’s Embrace of e-Transcript & Credential Engine” received first place in the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Practices Competition. The award winning submission highlights two initiatives that bookend a 13 year period of innovation, both for the development of standards and for the State of Indiana.

The Indiana e-Transcript Program began in 2005 and has reliably delivered many years of convenience to students, schools and colleges, while also contributing to greater persistence and degree completion. The now mature platform is poised to shepherd yet another era of innovative technology by delivering comprehensive learner records that describe experiential learning and transcripts as data files that interface with other data systems.

Indiana’s scale-up of Credential Engine began much more recently in 2017. The Commission for Higher Education received a grant to become the first state to begin a statewide effort aimed at populating the Credential Registry. Over the past year, the Commission has made a lot of progress adding credentials. After starting with health and military programs, all two-year degrees have now been added and work is occurring to add all university credentials.

“Our e-Transcript and Credential Engine initiatives are impossible to imagine without standards, partnerships, and deliberate strategies for implementation,” said Ken Sauer, senior associate commissioner and chief academic officer at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. “We are proud of our award-winning submission and even more proud of Indiana’s experience with respect to our e-Transcript and Credential Engine initiatives.”

PESC's Annual Best Practices Competition highlights & promotes innovation & ingenuity in the application & implementation of interoperable data standards for business needs. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education was honored at an awards ceremony held during PESC’s spring 2018 data summit in Washington D.C.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the award winning submission.

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**About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana’s colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state’s postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana’s higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative.

**About the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC)**

Established in 1997 at the National Center for Higher Education and headquartered in Washington D.C., PESC is an international, 501 (c)(3) non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of data, software and education

technology service providers; schools, districts, colleges and universities; college, university and state systems; local, state/province and federal government agencies; professional, commercial and non-profit organizations; and non-profit associations & foundations.