



Nelnet Receives Request for Audit

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Today, Nelnet (NYSE: NNI) announced that it has been contacted by the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Education (OIG) to schedule an audit of the portion of the company's student loan portfolio receiving a 9.5% special allowance.

Nelnet will fully cooperate with the OIG in response to its request for an audit. Nelnet also understands that the Department of Education, as part of a nationwide project, is conducting a review of lenders related to tax-exempt bonds that are eligible for the 9.5% special allowance.

The company has been open with its communication regarding its portfolio of loans that qualify for the special allowance under this provision, is confident in its business practices, and believes it has billed for these special allowance payments in accordance with applicable Department of Education guidance, statutes, and regulations.

Nelnet is one of the leading education finance companies in the United States and is focused on providing quality products and services to students and schools nationwide. Nelnet ranks among the nation's leaders in terms of total net student loan assets with \$14.5 billion as of March 31, 2005. Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, Nelnet originates, consolidates, securitizes, holds, and services student loans, principally loans originated under the Federal Family Education Loan Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

Additional information is available at www.nelnet.net.

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