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MADE MEN INC. GED PROGRAM SELECTED AS INAUGURAL GED TESTING SERVICE AND AZTEC SOFTWARE COMMUNITY PARTNER

Partnership program provides resources to organizations serving learners from historically marginalized communities

WASHINGTON, DC / KANSAS CITY, Kan. — GED Testing Service and Aztec Software have selected MADE MEN Inc., a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas as the first partner for its new GED Community Partnership Program. Through the program, MADE MEN is receiving study tools, computers and tablets, testing, and other preparation assistance to support program participants earning a GED credential.

The GED Community Partnership Program was created to assist learners in programs from historically marginalized populations to prepare for and earn a high school credential. This program aims to increase access, while investing in community organizations that provide education, training, and other critical services. Through this partnership, selected learners of all gender identities attending MADE MEN's GED program have access to laptops and Chromebooks, GED Ready and operational test vouchers, one-to-one online tutoring, and online preparation tools, including Aztec Software's GED Flash, Life Skills Education, A Tutor for TABE, Pre-GED, and GED Kaplan Prep Series.

MADE MEN Inc. was founded in 2012 by Nelson Gabriel to empower individuals and communities to succeed through education, training, and connections to sustainable resources. The organization offers GED preparation courses, a fatherhood program, life skills courses, workforce training, and is an authorized Pearson VUE test center.

"MADE MEN is truly excited about this collaborative effort with GED Testing Service and Aztec Software in working to reduce the number of individuals here in Wyandotte County that do not have a high school diploma—specifically, we are working daily to crack the 46% of our population without diplomas in zip codes 66101 and 66102, where our base of operations resides," said Nelson Gabriel, President and CEO of MADE MEN. *"None of which could be done without the selfless commitment of these educational giants in our community."*

Launched in late 2021, the GED Community Partnership Program is part of GED Testing Service's DE&I strategy and ongoing commitment to creating equitable learning opportunities focusing on historically marginalized and underserved learners, including those from Black, Latino, and Indigenous communities. GED Testing Service's DE&I mission focuses on developing and sustaining external partnerships and alliances that offer an opportunity to highlight the advocacy efforts of organizations working directly in their communities to provide access to education and key interventions, courses, and supportive services.

"GED Testing Service understands the important role that community organizations have in providing the support many of our learners need to earn a GED diploma," said Vicki Greene, President of GED Testing Service and SVP of Americas for Pearson's Workforce Skills Division. "MADE MEN was selected as a partner because of their commitment to helping underserved learners in Kansas City—offering them the resources they need to earn their diplomas and the life skills and training that will help them and their families for generations to come."

"Aztec is proud to build upon our long history of championing advocacy, equality, and opportunity for adult learners alongside our longtime partners at GED Testing Service", said Michael Kheyfets, the President and COO of Aztec. "The pandemic has further underscored the importance of equal access to educational upskilling and the impact that it can make on diverse communities. We are pleased to support MADE MEN and be part of this meaningful partnership that centers the mission and success of programs serving underrepresented communities."

More information about MADE MEN is available at made-men.org/. More information about the GED test program can be found here, and more information about Aztec Software is available here.

About MADE MEN, Inc.
MADE MEN, Incorporated, is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas. MADE MEN is the Midwest's most innovative community organization offering a broad spectrum of services to our clients. MADE MEN's experienced team offers a proven track record of developing and executing strategic, value-added programs that focus on delivering measurable results and increasing resources. The organization provides creative and synergistic programs that tap into the mindset of those served. MADE MEN is a multi-faceted organization with one mission, one vision, and the motto of "Empowering men and women to do great things!"

About GED Testing Service
The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.

About Aztec Software
Since 1980, Aztec Software has been in the business of improving the lives of adult and young adults through computerized skills remediation, with a focus on core academic subject areas, as well as those

skills for ABE and HSE test preparation. Developed by educators, not technologists, the company has expanded its product set beyond academic material and into all aspects of the transitioning worker's retraining and survival. Aztec's software platform provides instructors and students with the tools they need to diagnose, remediate, instruct, and learn, while utilizing ongoing formative assessments to guide the learning and instructional process. Our content provides instruction from phonemic awareness through high school equivalency and includes college-prep or workforce readiness modules. For more information, please visit www.aztecsoftware.com.