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STATE SEEKS POTENTIAL SCIENCE TEACHERS FOR “FAST-TRACK” CREDENTIAL

SACRAMENTO – The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) has joined with Educational Testing Service, the California Aerospace Authority and the Pisces Foundation to offer a special administration of the Teaching Foundations Exam for potential science teachers. The exam usually costs \$155, but will be offered for just \$25 for the special administration. The test will be offered in several California locations on August 5, 2006.

The Teaching Foundations Exam (TFE) is part of a fast-track route to a teaching credential initiated by Senator Scott in 2001 in his bill SB 57. The fast-track route allows teacher candidates to “challenge” traditional teacher preparation course work by completing a subject knowledge requirement, passing the TFE which tests knowledge of teaching methods, and successfully completing a classroom teaching performance assessment. All candidates for a teaching credential must meet fingerprint requirements.

“The fast-track route removes barriers to teaching,” stated Senator Scott. “We especially want to encourage mid-career folks to take advantage of this opportunity.”

For the Commission to set a passing score for the Teaching Foundations Exam in science, Educational Testing Service needs at least 50 people to take the test. The special administration of the test and the bargain price are intended to bring in enough test-takers so the passing score can be set for this and future administrations of the exam.

Passing scores have already been set for the Teaching Foundations Exams for elementary teachers, English teachers and math teachers. These exams will also be given on August 5th, but will not be subsidized.

Prospective teachers interested in the fast-track route can sign up for the exam by following these steps:

- Go to www.ctc.ca.gov
- Under “What’s New,” click on “Teaching Foundations Exam”
- Then click on “Important Updates” for registration information

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