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TRU Solutions Announces \$20,500 in Scholarships For Eddy and Lea County Students

CARLSBAD, N.M., February 18, 2003 – Steve Warren, Washington TRU Solutions (WTS) General Manager, has announced up to \$20,500 in scholarships for Eddy and Lea County students in 2003.

Applications are available now from area high school and college counselors. WTS, formerly Westinghouse TRU Solutions, will award the scholarships this spring in conjunction with area high schools, the Carlsbad Foundation and several non-profit organizations.

Scholarships are available in any of the following three areas of study at an accredited community college, technical school, or university:

- ❑ **Math, science or engineering degree**
- ❑ **Education degree in math, science or technology**
- ❑ **Accredited technical programs in radiation technology, waste-handling, or waste management**

"These scholarships reflect the Washington Group International commitment to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of our community partners in southeast New Mexico. By supporting higher education, we help students prepare for success

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in the fields of science, engineering and technology that will benefit our businesses and communities in the future," said Warren.

For the third consecutive year, WTS is offering \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors selected at Carlsbad, Loving and Artesia High Schools in Eddy County. The scholarships are also available at Hobbs, Eunice, Tatum, Jal and Lovington High Schools in Lea County. Each high school sets the application deadline and selects the student recipient.

Carlsbad High School will award two scholarships. The other seven high schools in Eddy and Lea counties will award one scholarship each.

In addition, WTS and the Carlsbad Foundation will jointly award up to three scholarships to Eddy and/or Lea County graduating seniors and to returning college students who qualify. Applications for the WTS/Carlsbad Foundation Scholarship Fund are available from high school senior class and area college counselors.

The WTS/Carlsbad Foundation Scholarship Fund awards one \$2,500 scholarship to a student who is accepted for science, math or engineering degree studies at an accredited institution. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 may be awarded in two other specified areas of study. These scholarships are made possible through a permanent fund established by Westinghouse Corporation in 1994. The Carlsbad Foundation directs the schedule and deadline for these scholarships.

WTS has also committed \$2,000 in matching scholarship funds to the Carlsbad League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Applications and awards are managed locally by those organizations.

To benefit students, WTS will contribute matching funds for scholarship awards at 2003 graduation night events, including \$2,000 to Class Act at Carlsbad High School and \$1,000 to Falcon Fest at Loving High School.

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Interested students should contact their school counselor for information and applications.

WTS is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. It is owned by Washington Group International of Boise, Idaho.