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### **CSLF Provides Loan Data via Meteor**

**Rocky Hill, CT – September 4, 2002** – Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is pleased to announce that loan information for CSLF borrowers is now available to financial aid professionals via the Meteor Network. CSLF successfully completed all components of live testing and is one of only four organizations to currently host the Meteor software.

Meteor, the result of an industry wide collaboration to provide aggregated loan information to financial aid professionals and borrowers, was released on August 30, 2002 after 18 months of development and testing. Coordinated by the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP) and sponsored by leading FFELP business partners, the Meteor Network provides real-time access to aggregated aid information supplied by multiple agencies.

“CSLF has been actively involved in sponsoring the Meteor project and pro-active in preparing our systems for implementation”, said Mark Valenti, President of CSLF and NCHELP Chairman. “I am especially pleased to be President of one of the first agencies to participate”, said Mr. Valenti.

Meteor participants can serve as Access Providers or Data Providers. Schools may use the free Meteor software to become Access Providers themselves, or they may use another Access Provider as a point of entry into the Meteor Network. Schools wishing to use CSLF as an Access Provider through EnRoute, CSLF’s internet-based loan processing and management system, should contact Lisa Kyranos, Director of Product Development and Support, at (800) 237-9721, Ext. 442. For more information about CSLF or EnRoute visit [www.cslf.com](http://www.cslf.com). For more information about Meteor visit [www.nchelp.org/meteor.html](http://www.nchelp.org/meteor.html).

**ABOUT CSLF** – *Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is a national, non-profit agency that administers, guarantees, finances, and services the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). CSLF has over 35 years of experience providing assistance to students and parents seeking to finance a higher education. As a guarantor, CSLF assures that low-interest Federal Stafford Loans and Federal PLUS Loans remain available to eligible students and parents. CSLF also is a lender and provides financing directly to educational institutions on behalf of students and parents. Learn more about CSLF at [www.cslf.com](http://www.cslf.com).*

**ABOUT METEOR** - *Meteor is a collaborative effort within the student aid industry to simplify and consolidate access to student financial aid information. Sponsored by forty industry participants, and coordinated by the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, Meteor’s free software provides open, non-proprietary, real time access to all available aid information for a student, and consolidates it for display to students and Financial Aid Professionals. For additional information visit [www.nchelp.org/meteor.html](http://www.nchelp.org/meteor.html) or contact Tim Cameron at (202) 822-2106.*