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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Vocational Directors
Student Services Directors
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FROM: Dr. Lanny Larson

DATE: November 12, 2002

SUBJECT: 2003 Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program

Florida is once again participating in the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program. The scholarship/exchange program is administered by the Nacel Open Door Student Exchange and provides an opportunity for graduating high school seniors who are enrolled in vocational courses to spend one year in Germany exploring their vocational interests. German language is not required. Florida has participated in the program since 1992 and has been very well represented each year.

Each high school in the state may nominate up to three students. Students must be able to demonstrate the maturity and commitment necessary to be successful in an international exchange program. Student applications will be reviewed by Nacel Open Door Student Exchange and the Division of Workforce Development to select ten finalists. These finalists will be invited to an interview by a selection committee for recommendation.

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Please bring this scholarship/exchange program to the attention of students you feel are most qualified. The German vocational education system is quite innovative and has provided Florida students with a very unique and worthwhile learning experience.

Complete details of the program and the application can be found on the Nacel Open Door website: www.nacelopendoor.org. From the homepage, go to the lower left-hand corner of the screen to *Site Map*. Click on *Site Map* and in the *What's New* section, about halfway down, you will see Congress - Bundestag. Click on Congress - Bundestag and you will see a complete description of the program including eligibility requirements. Scroll down to *How to Apply*. At the bottom of the paragraph, you will see Download Application Now! When you download the application, print it out and complete all sections. Mail the completed application no later than February 15, 2003, to the following address:

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