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BUCKLE DOWN PUBLISHING INTRODUCES NEW CALIFORNIA STANDARDS REVIEW MATERIALS

Iowa City, IA, June 7, 2007 — Buckle Down Publishing, a national leader in state-specific standards review and a Hights Cross Communications company, has introduced its new line of products developed exclusively for review of California state standards. This new series, released this spring, is 100% aligned with California Content Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Highlights of the new *Buckle Down California Standards Review* series include:

- End-of-lesson practice sections and two external practice tests that provide valuable experience with the same question types found on state assessments, building familiarity and reducing test anxiety.
- California-specific content to build on what students already know, teaching new concepts in terms of what is familiar to reinforce learning.
- Appropriate page counts and uncluttered layouts to make materials approachable for frustrated learners and build student confidence.

“California educators demand the highest quality standards review, and we are pleased to bring them our new product line, 100% aligned to California Content Standards in the three tested areas. Using Buckle Down, more California schools can meet their AYP goals,” said Dr. Thomas Emrick, President of Buckle Down Publishing. “Buckle Down is proud to provide standards review that delivers the extra advantage students need to excel on test day.”

Buckle Down workbooks and practice tests are developed exclusively for classroom review of state standards. For additional information, visit www.BuckleDown.com or call 800-776-3454 to reach Customer Service.

About Buckle Down Publishing:

Buckle Down Publishing, a division of Hights Cross Communications’ Triumph Learning unit, is one of the nation’s leading publishers of state-specific, standards review materials. Founded in 1982 and based in Iowa City, IA, Buckle Down creates supplemental student workbooks and practice tests that combine standards-based review

and test-formatted practice with regionalized content. Together, Buckle Down and Triumph Learning are the largest publisher of standards-focused materials. For more information, visit www.BuckleDown.com.

About Hights Cross Communications:

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross is a leading developer and publisher of products for the kindergarten through twelfth grade, or K-12, supplemental education, library, and medical education markets. Hights Cross imprints include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). For more information visit www.hightscross.com.

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