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## Dr. Alexa Posny Joins Renaissance Learning

**August 8, 2012, Wisconsin Rapids, WI** – Renaissance Learning, Inc. announced today that it has hired Dr. Alexa Posny as the company’s Senior Vice President of State & Federal Programs. Dr. Posny will be responsible for building relationships with key state and federal education stakeholders to increase awareness of Renaissance Learning’s technology-based assessment products.

“I’m thrilled to be a part of the Renaissance Learning family,” said Posny. “As schools across the nation begin to implement the Common Core State Standards, it’s a particularly exciting time for me to join the company. Because Renaissance Learning’s practice and assessment tools are so closely aligned with the standards, we have a compelling message to share at the state and federal level.”

“We’re delighted that Alexa has agreed to take on this important company role,” said Glenn R. James, Renaissance Learning’s CEO. “We’re confident her expertise will continue to help us carry our message to the state and federal level to expand the use of daily and monthly computerized formative assessments to accelerate student learning.”

Posny most recently served as the U.S. Department of Education’s Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, where she helped shape policy and management issues affecting special education and rehabilitative services as the principal special education adviser to Secretary Arne Duncan. Prior to that appointment, from 2007 to 2009, Dr. Posny served as Commissioner for the Kansas State Department of Education. Dr. Posny has also held positions as Director of the Office of Special Education Programs for the U.S. Department of Education, and numerous other positions at the Kansas Department of Education, including deputy commissioner of education and state director of special education. Earlier in her career, she taught in various district- and school-level teaching positions in Kansas, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Dr. Posny has served on the board of directors for the Chief State School Officers and the National Council for Learning Disabilities and chaired the National Assessment Governing Board’s Special Education Task Force. She holds a doctorate of educational administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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### About Renaissance Learning, Inc.

Renaissance Learning, Inc. is a leading provider of technology-based school improvement and student assessment programs for K12 schools. Renaissance Learning’s tools provide daily formative assessment and periodic progress-monitoring technology to enhance core curriculum, support differentiated instruction, and personalize practice in reading, writing and math. Renaissance Learning products and school improvement programs help educators make the practice component of their existing curriculum more effective by providing tools to personalize practice and easily manage the daily activities for students of all levels. As a result, teachers using Renaissance Learning products and programs accelerate learning, get more satisfaction from teaching, and help students achieve higher test scores on state and national tests.