



**United States Department of Education
Office of Federal Student Aid
National Student Loan Data System**

**Threshold, Error Code, and Field Code File (TEF File) Update
Technical Update GA-2004-01**

January 8, 2004

This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with NSLDS. If that person is not you, please forward this update to the appropriate person.

Threshold, Error Code, and Field Code File (TEF File) Update

Starting January 2004 an updated TEF file is available on www.fsadownload.ed.gov. The file contains three new error codes that only pertain to the bankruptcy portfolio held by the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC). Although these new error codes will be included in the TEF file used by all guaranty agencies, the following error codes will only be used for processing data from ECMC:

- Error code 727: May not create a loan on NSLDS
- Error code 4001: Field is required
- Error code 4004: No loan matches on NSLDS

If you have any questions, please contact the NSLDS Customer Service Center at (800) 999-8219 or e-mail nsldscoe@raytheon.com.