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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS A TEACHER WORKSHOP FOR *BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: IN SEARCH OF A BETTER WORLD*

Philadelphia, PA (January 19, 2006) – In conjunction with *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, the National Constitution Center presents “Who Was Benjamin Franklin? Teacher Workshop” on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$20 and includes admission to *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, resources and materials, and ACT48 Continuing Education Hours for those who qualify. To register, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org to download the registration form.

Educators will get to know Benjamin Franklin as J.A. Leo Lemay, Professor of English at the University of Delaware, explores his autobiography *The Way to Wealth* and some of his humorous essays. This program is presented by PECO, An Exelon Company, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“Who Was Benjamin Franklin?” is the second of four workshops being offered to teachers during the *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* exhibition. “Franklin & American Identity” will take place on March 11, 2006 and “The Spirit of Compromise and the Constitutional Convention” will occur on April 8, 2006. Each workshop centers on a different theme to help teachers use the exhibition to teach about Franklin as an exemplary citizen, constitutional signer, and international diplomat. The workshops are open to 50 teachers from the School District of Philadelphia and the tri-county area and will be held on Saturdays.

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Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300th birthday, makes its world premiere at the National Constitution Center from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, this exhibition is being hosted locally by CBS 3. Tickets for the exhibition, which also include regular museum admission, are \$14 for adults; \$12 for children ages 4-12, seniors, and college students; and \$8.50 for groups of 20 or more. For advance tickets, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising".

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