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## THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS EDUCATORS TOUR OF *BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: IN SEARCH OF A BETTER WORLD*

Philadelphia, PA (January 3, 2006) – A true “Renaissance Man,” Benjamin Franklin was a scientist, inventor, diplomat, humorist, philanthropist, and entrepreneur. At the National Constitution Center’s Teacher Open House, educators will learn innovative ways to incorporate the many facets of Franklin into their science, civics, and reading curricula. The exhibition tour and reception will be held on January 24, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required by January 20, 2006 at 215-409-6700.

Educators from the region will have the opportunity to tour the new blockbuster exhibition *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*. The exhibition immerses visitors in Franklin’s world, exposes them to his ingenious problem-solving methods and leaves them inspired by his example. Highlights include a 25-foot ship environment that visitors can climb aboard to recreate Franklin’s method of charting the Gulf Stream; more than 40 interactive opportunities; six whimsical animations telling different Franklin anecdotes; and five of America’s key founding documents, all originally signed by Franklin.

*Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* stays true to the Center’s signature mix of fun interactives and fascinating artifacts, making it the ideal exhibition for school groups of all ages. Activity Guides for teachers and their students are given to each group that visits for use before, during and after a visit to the exhibition. The Activity Guide, created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, includes discussion starters, lesson plans and activities to use with students in grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.

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## ADD ONE/TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

*Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300<sup>th</sup> 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.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben).

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". For more information, visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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