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## **Dr. Theodore S. Sergi, President and CEO, Connecticut Center for Science and Exploration, to be Keynote Speaker at 30th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering**

**Hartford, CT** – Dr. Theodore S. Sergi, President and CEO of the Connecticut Center for Science and Exploration will present a keynote address on “Progress and Plans for the Connecticut Center for Science and Exploration” at the 30th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering on May 26, 2005 at the Rocky Hill Marriott in Rocky Hill, CT. The event will be attended by more than 200 members of the Academy, invited guests, and winners of the 2005 statewide science competitions. The H. Joseph Gerber Medal of Excellence, created by the Academy and sponsored by Gerber Scientific, Inc., will be awarded to the two first place winners of the 2005 Connecticut Science Fair and the first place winner of the 2005 Connecticut Science Talent Search.

Dr. Sergi brings a lifelong career in education and administration to the Connecticut Center for Science & Exploration. As the President & CEO, Dr. Sergi leads the planning and implementation process for the creation and opening of the Center. True to Dr. Sergi’s background, the mission of the Connecticut Center for Science & Exploration is to inspire a greater proportion of students to pursue science in their future education and careers, and to help raise participation and performance rates of Connecticut students in science. Groundbreaking for the world-class, hands-on, experiential learning center will be in the fall of 2005.

During his years as Commissioner of Education, he made raising expectations for improved academic achievement of all students, as well as improving urban education and reading skills his educational priorities. In addition, he worked to increase state funding for education, to extend preschool opportunities and summer and after school programs, to establish new charter and magnet schools, to offer public school choice in order to reduce student isolation, and to promote community service programs, international education and greater academic opportunities for students statewide.

Dr. Sergi holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut; an M.A. from Trinity College and a B.A. in Economics from Hobart College. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1986. He is a proud graduate of the New York City Public Schools. Both his wife and mother are school teachers.

*The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering was chartered by the General Assembly in 1976 to provide expert guidance on science and technology to the people and to the state of Connecticut, and to promote the application of science and technology to human welfare and economic well being. For more information about the Academy, please see [www.ctcase.org](http://www.ctcase.org).*

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