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DALLAS, May 6 /PRN/ -- Control Data Corporation and Texas Instruments Incorporated (TI) today announced an agreement that will make available a comprehensive series of PLATO computer-based education courseware for the Texas Instruments 99/4A Home Computer.

Control Data was a pioneer in developing computer-based education with the PLATO system. After 20 years, PLATO courseware includes thousands of hours of integrated instruction materials. The agreement with Texas Instruments encompasses 430 programs in 108 courseware packages developed for elementary-and secondary-school levels. This library is widely regarded as the most complete and comprehensive available.

Using PLATO courseware on the TI-99/4A will make these established educational materials economically practical for many classrooms and homes.

Control Data will convert its Basic Skills and High School Skills curriculums to run on the 5-1/4-inch diskettes used by the Texas Instruments Home Computer. Texas Instruments will manufacture and distribute the disks in the United States and in selected international markets.

This PLATO courseware spans grades kindergarten through 12 with a wide range of computer-based instruction in reading, math and language arts, including poetry and literature. It also encompasses physics, chemistry, earth sciences and biology as well as social studies such as geography, economics, behavioral science, political science and history. The materials are designed to provide self-paced and individualized instruction for students whose needs range from remedial help to advanced instruction.

The initial packages will be available in the fourth quarter of 1982.