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Alexander T. Graham named CEC Executive Director

Aug. 28, 2013, Arlington, Va. – Alexander T. Graham has been named executive director of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). He will join the organization on Oct. 21, 2013.

“Alex Graham is a distinguished executive and thought leader with expertise in managing financial, human resource, and strategic planning programs, as well as membership, marketing, government/public affairs, and conference development,” said CEC President Christy Chambers. “In addition to bringing many years of experience in implementing programs and initiatives to enhance revenue and service delivery to members, Alex has deep roots in the disability community that will help advance CEC’s mission to improve the educational lives of children and youth with exceptionalities. We are delighted that he has agreed to lead our team.”

Graham comes to CEC from his position as executive director and chief executive officer of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell), where he has been since 2007. At AG Bell, Graham leads the organization and its certifying academy with more than 4,000 members, including families with children living with hearing loss, adults with hearing loss, and the professionals that serve them.

While at AG Bell, Graham launched the international certification program for Listening and Spoken Language Specialists (LSLS®), and transitioned the association’s service delivery model to a web-based platform with the implementation of the Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center to help families, health care providers and education professionals understand childhood hearing loss and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention.

He also has held positions at the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals, where he was executive director, and the National Association of Workforce Boards, where he was chief operating officer. His prior association positions include director of political affairs, chief marketing officer, and associate executive director.

Graham earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Lynchburg College and a Master of Science degree in organizational effectiveness and a Master of Business Administration degree from Marymount University.

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The Council for Exceptional Children is an international community of professionals who are the voice and vision of special and gifted education. CEC’s mission is to improve, through excellence and advocacy, the education and quality of life for children and youth with exceptionalities and to enhance engagement of their families.

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