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### **Waters Recipient of 2010 Morningstar ASPPA Leadership Award *Financial Advisor Recognized for Leadership in 401(k) Arena***

ARLINGTON, VA, (March 15, 2010)—The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA), today announced **Sean M. Waters** as the recipient of *The 2010 Morningstar—ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award* during the general session of the annual [ASPPA 401\(k\) Summit](#) in Orlando, Fla.

*The 2010 Morningstar—ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award* recognizes financial advisors for contributions that exemplify experience and expertise in the retirement plan industry. Waters and finalists Steven Dimitriou of Mayflower Advisors, and Kendall Storch of Longfellow Benefits were selected from 100 nominations made from their peers and colleagues in the retirement industry.

“Sean Waters has the qualities a leading advisor should possess—outstanding client service, ethical practice, industry expertise, innovation, and a primary focus on the needs of plan sponsors and participants. As a result, he has enhanced the ability of working Americans to achieve a secure retirement.” said Brian Graff, executive director/CEO of ASPPA.

Waters is co-founder of Cook Street Consulting Inc., of Greenwood Village, Colorado where he oversees the fiduciary analysis, asset allocation modeling, and business development. Prior to his work at CSC, he worked as an institutional portfolio manager for Scudder Kemper Investments in San Francisco where he managed a portfolio of more than \$250 million dollars in addition to co-managing another \$1.5 billion dollars. Waters began his career at Crédit Lyonnais in New York as a proprietary bond trader. He received his BA from the University of Colorado at Boulder and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He is a member of the CFA Institute, the Denver Society of Security Analysts, and the Investment Management Council, a national organization of select investment consultants and advisors with specialized fiduciary training. In addition to his business activities, Waters also serves on the Boards of Invest In Kids, a non-profit organization and the Ricks Center for Gifted Children.

Sponsored by [Morningstar, Inc.](#), a leading provider of independent investment research, and [ASPPA](#), the leader in retirement education and advocacy—*The Morningstar—ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award* reflects the multi-faceted efforts of advisors to serve their clients (plan sponsors and participants), act as a mentor, maintain high ethical standards, and innovate in the retirement industry.

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