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ASPPA Honors Jordan and Shultz

Washington, D.C.– The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) honored both **Karen A. Jordan**, of Anchorage, AK, and **Paul T. Shultz**, of New York, N.Y., with the **2008 Harry T. Eidson Award** at its annual conference here. Both honorees have served the retirement planning community for many years.

ASPPA established the award in 1995 to honor the memory of its founder, Harry T. Eidson. His belief in the importance of a private pension system in the United States and in having an organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing such a system was the inspiration for the formation of ASPPA in 1966. Each year, ASPPA honors one or two individuals for contributing to this cause. Recipients are members of ASPPA or can be from outside of the membership.

Karen A. Jordan is president of Alaska Pension Services, Ltd., a pension consulting and administration firm, and since July this year, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Investment Managers, Inc. She has been a pension business professional since 1972 and an ASPPA member since 1983. Jordan was the first non-actuary ASPPA president during her 1997-1998 term. She also has served on the ASPPA Board of Directors and numerous committees. She chaired the committee that created the ASPPA Benefits Councils.

Jordan holds the following designations: Certified Pension Consultant, Qualified Pension Administrator, and Qualified 401(k) Administrator. Jordan also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minn. She is a co-founder of the Anchorage ERISA Forum, is past president of the Anchorage Estate Planning Council, and is a frequent speaker about retirement issues, particularly those that affect the financial security of women. Jordan taught high school mathematics and worked at William M. Mercer, Inc. in Minneapolis before moving to Alaska.

Paul T. Shultz, a retired attorney, served from 2000 to 2005 as the director of the Employee Plans Rulings and Agreements section at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He was on the speaker and writer circuit of the pension and retirement arena from 1977 until his retirement in 2005. Shultz often gave as many as 40 presentations a year and did extensive writing about a wide range of retirement, pension, and tax issues. Sought as an expert about the technical and administrative issues of employee retirement plans, Shultz ensured that objective information was available to address the concerns and needs of IRS customers.

Shultz served as legal counsel at a number of New York law firms and businesses following an education in classics at Princeton University and earning a Juris Doctorate degree with distinction at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY. His professional life included work with a number of bar associations, serving on a number of pension and employee benefits councils, and writing articles and giving speeches for business interests, academia, and government entities.

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ASPPA is a national organization of more than 6,400 retirement plan professionals who provide consulting and administrative services for qualified retirement plans covering millions of American workers. ASPPA members are retirement professionals of all disciplines including consultants, administrators, actuaries, accountants, and attorneys. The large and broad-based membership gives it unusual insight into current practical problems with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and qualified retirement plans with a particular focus on the issues faced by small- to medium-sized employers. ASPPA membership is diverse and united by a common dedication to the private retirement plan system.

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