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ASPPA Celebrates AMERICA SAVES WEEK

Arlington, Va.—The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) joined more than 100 organizations in kicking off a week of activities designed to encourage Americans who are not saving to start and to prompt those who are saving to increase their efforts. This is the second year ASPPA participates in this drive. Current economic conditions have highlighted the need for financial education, increased saving, and better retirement planning by all Americans.

Brian Graff, ASPPA executive director and chief executive officer, said Americans need to continue saving to prepare for their retirement. “Even in these tough economic times, Americans need to make every effort to save through workplace retirement plans so they will have what they need for a comfortable retirement. ASPPA encourages Americans to think about saving every day and we are pleased to join the chorus during American Saves Week,” Graff said.

The activities involve government agencies, nonprofit organizations, industry trade associations, and individual companies that are participating in America Saves Week (ASW), which runs from Feb. 22 through March. 1, this year. The organizations have centralized a diverse collection of savings tips, tools, public service announcements, and saver stories on the ASW Web site, www.americasavesweek.org/. Among other things, the Web site offers individuals the opportunity to sign up for monthly saver e-mail messages that will allow them to test their knowledge of various saving techniques and a checklist to evaluate their savings progress.

ASPPA began promoting the week with special e-mails encouraging its more than 6,500 members to enlist in the effort. ASPPA reinforced the message in its monthly electronic newsletter to members. ASPPA also posted the America Saves Week information on its Web site, providing its more than 6,500 members with suggested materials for their own participation and promotion among their individual and business clients.

America Saves Week is coordinated by the America Savings Education Council, (www.choosetosave.org/asec) a program of the non-profit Employee Benefit Research Institute (www.ebri.org) and America Saves (www.americasaves.org), a program of the non-profit Consumer Federation of America (www.consumerfed.org).

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ASPPA is a Proud Participant in America Saves Week February 22 – March 1, 2009



ASPPA is a national organization of more than 6,500 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 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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