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ASPPA Announces 401(k) Leadership Award Finalists

Arlington, Va. – Jan. 10, 2008 – The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) announced three finalists in the running for **The ASPPA 401(k) Leadership Award**. The new award acknowledges a specific accomplishment or contribution by an individual or group of professionals working in the 401(k) industry.

Sponsored by **Morningstar, Inc.**, a leading provider of independent investment research, this award recognizes leadership, innovation, and significant influence in the retirement industry. The honoree is selected for directly and positively influencing the ability of Americans to build successful retirement futures, especially through employer plans during the past year.

The three 2008 finalists are **William R. Chetney**, president and chief executive officer of National Retirement Partners, Inc. in Capistrano Beach, Calif.; **George Fraser**, senior vice president of wealth management at Smith Barney, in Phoenix, Ariz.; and **Brian Hubbell**, principal with Hubbell Consulting, LLC, of Charlotte, N.C. One of these nominees will receive the 2008 ASPPA 401(k) Leadership Award at a special general session of **The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT**, on Feb. 11, 2008, in Orlando, Fla. Their peers nominated the three retirement industry professionals.

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