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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERS TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR RETIREMENT PLAN PROFESSIONALS

September 14, 2004 – (*Arlington, Va.*) On October 24-27, 2004, in Washington, DC, over 1,500 retirement plan professionals will take part in one of the best educational events in the industry. "ASPA has brought together nationally-recognized experts, including Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor representatives, which gives me a perspective that I could not get locally. I always learn something new and take it back to my business for the benefit of my clients and employees," says Cathy Green, CPC, QPA, and Conference General Chair.

The Conference features informative general sessions and more than 45 educational workshops. General sessions will feature the latest information on government affairs activities, including an update on new regulations and pension legislation and interactive discussions with experts from the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor and the Department of Treasury.

Conference highlights include the President's Welcome Reception, face-to-face time with over 70 vendors, Education and Examination Cram Sessions, a special luncheon presentation by the Political Comedy Group "The Capitol Steps" and the unveiling of the new ASPA brand identity and logo and much more. Attendees can also meet with their congressional representatives during their visits to Capitol Hill. All attendees will receive a CD-ROM of conference presentations and will have access to the Cyber café – computer stations that provide Internet access.

Workshops are divided into six tracks that include actuary, administration, legal, business, consultant and 401(k) plan issues. Conference sessions with IRS, Department of Labor and private sector experts will educate attendees on the following: Governmental Update; Key Fiduciary Issues for 401(k) Plans in 2004; How to Survive a DOL Audit; IRS Q&A; Defined Benefit Calculations; Prepare and Conduct a Successful IRS Audit; Abusive Tax Practices; Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans; and much more.

The Conference is also an excellent opportunity to network with other practitioners, plan sponsors and plan administrators, and to browse exhibits displaying the latest technologies and services in the industry.

All employee benefits professionals are encouraged to attend, including accountants, actuaries, administrators, attorneys, banking professionals in plan administration, benefits directors, consultants, employee benefit software consultants, financial planners, human resource personnel, insurance company employee benefit specialists, investment professionals and trust officers. The Conference offers up to 24 JBEA (Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries) credit hours and 20 hours of ASPA continuing education credit.

ASPA is a national organization of retirement plan professionals dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the private pension system in the United States. ASPA offers education and professional credentials for 401(k) administrators (QKA), actuaries (FSPA, MSPA), pension consultants (CPC), pension administrators (QPA), and other benefits professionals (APM). Its 5,000+ members provide consulting and administrative support to over half of the private retirement plans in the country.

For more information, including registration fees and early registration dates, visit www.aspa.org/annual.htm or contact ASPA's Meetings department by calling (703) 516-9300 or e-mail meetings@aspa.org.

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