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2005 LOS ANGELES BENEFITS CONFERENCE OFFERS HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS IN EVERY SESSION

December 7, 2004 - *(Arlington, Va.)* – The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA), the National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) and the Western Pension & Benefits Conference (WP&BC) have teamed up to present the 2005 Los Angeles Benefits Conference (LABC) in Universal City, CA on January 27-28, 2005. The LABC is the perfect opportunity to meet and discuss employee benefits issues with colleagues and top IRS and DOL government agency representatives. Highlights include high-level government speakers in every session, an IRS Q&A session, and a pre-conference interactive workshop on January 26: "Conversations with the IRS and DOL."

The conference features interactive panel discussions on the latest employee benefits issues with local, regional and national government and private sector experts. Designed for all pension professionals, the program will focus on exchanging information and educating attendees on current regulatory, legislative, administrative and actuarial topics. According to Fred Reish, Esq., APM, Senior Advisor of the Los Angeles Benefits Conference, "The LABC brings you the best of the public and private sectors. Government speakers discuss guidance and enforcement, and the practitioners explain what it means to you and your clients."

Additional conference highlights include dialogue sessions with IRS representatives regarding the EPCRS, actuarial issues, IRS guidance and DOL enforcement. Other workshop topics include DB Plan Design; 403(b) Plans; ERISA Litigation Update; The Aftermath of Mutual Funds Scandals; and much more.

All employee benefits professionals are encouraged to attend including accountants; actuaries; attorneys; benefits directors; consultants; human resource personnel; investment professionals; plan administrators; trust officers; and ERISA paralegals. The conference offers core and non-core JBEA (Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries) credit and 15 hours of ASPPA continuing education credit. Continuing education credit is also available for attorneys and CPAs upon request.

ASPPA is a national organization of retirement plan professionals dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the private pension system in the United States. ASPPA 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 5,400+ 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.asppa.org/labc.htm. Interested participants can also contact ASPPA's Meetings Department by phone 703.516.9300 or by e-mail to meetings@asppa.org.

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