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Press Conference Scheduled During the 2005 ASPPA Annual Conference

October 5, 2005 – (Arlington, VA) On November 6-8, 2005, at the Washington Hilton Towers in Washington, DC, the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) will host over 1,500 retirement plan professionals in one of the most beneficial networking and educational employee benefits conferences in the industry—the 2005 ASPPA Annual Conference.

As part of the Conference, a press conference will be held on Tuesday, November 8, at 9:30 a.m. by ASPPA's Executive Director/CEO, Brian H. Graff, Esq., APM; ASPPA President, Stephen H. Rosen, MSPA, CPC; and ASPPA President-elect, Sarah E. Simoneaux, CPC, to discuss ASPPA's concerns on the current tax reform debate, the full scope of pension legislation and potential regulatory impacts.

The press conference is being held as a part of the Conference that features general sessions and more than 56 educational workshops. General Sessions will feature the latest information on new pension regulatory and legislative initiatives and features interactive discussions with officials from the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the Department of Treasury.

Over 1,500 employee benefits professionals 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 is an excellent opportunity for them to network with other practitioners, plan sponsors and plan administrators, and to browse exhibits displaying the latest industry technologies and services. The Conference offers 20 hours of ASPPA continuing education credit and up to 24 Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (JBEA) credit hours for enrolled actuaries.

ASPPA, a national organization made up of more than 5,500 retirement plan professionals, is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the employer-sponsored retirement plan system. ASPPA is the only organization comprised exclusively of pension professionals that actively advocates for legislative and regulatory changes to expand and improve the employer-sponsored pension system. In addition, ASPPA offers an extensive credentialing program with a reputation for high-quality training that is thorough and specialized. ASPPA credentials are bestowed upon administrators, consultants, actuaries and other professionals associated with the retirement plan industry.

For more information on the 2005 ASPPA Annual Conference, including online registration, visit www.asppa.org/archive/conf/2005/2005annual.htm.

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