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NIRI Virtual Chapter Receives NASBA Approval to Offer CPE Credit for Chapter Programs

CHICAGO, IL--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Virtual Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) has been approved by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a registered sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, group internet-based programs sponsored by the NIRI Virtual Chapter will qualify for continuing education credit. The NIRI Virtual Chapter offers educational programs designed to cover timely, value-added topics related to the practice of investor relations including best practices, government regulations, and economic trends. From the convenience of a computer, members can attend programs and interact directly with the moderator and panelists. The NIRI Virtual Chapter was recognized by NIRI for having the "Best Overall Programming" for its 2008-2009 program year.

NIRI Virtual Chapter members who have a Certified Public Accountant designation and keep active credentials will be eligible to receive one CPE credit hour for participating in a group internet-based program.

"The Virtual Chapter has built such a unique platform for providing members with professional development opportunities," said Beth Carty, Director of Professional Development for the NIRI Virtual Chapter. "The recent NASBA approval to offer CPE credits further distinguishes the Virtual Chapter and provides added value to our members with professional continuing education needs."

About the NIRI Virtual Chapter

The National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) Virtual Chapter is an innovative, award-winning chapter that strives to advance the practice of investor relations (IR) for geographically remote practitioners by providing a virtual cyber community in which they can interact and exchange ideas. The Virtual Chapter is the second largest chapter within the NIRI organization, serving almost 400 U.S. and International members. Our membership is diverse, representing more than 40 U.S. states and 30 countries. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.nirivirtual.org.



The NIRI Virtual Chapter is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700, Nashville, TN, 37219-2417. Web site: www.nasba.org

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