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**ACTUARIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. PASSES ASPPA'S STRINGENT TEST FOR
RETIREMENT PLAN RECORDKEEPERS**

TORRANCE, CA – May 15, 2009 – Actuarial Consultants, Inc. announced today that it has achieved the recordkeeper certification offered by the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries ("ASPPA"). The ASPPA certification program is based on an independent audit of a recordkeeper's ability to support plan sponsor and plan participant requirements. Audited by Roland|Criss, this is the only certification that strives to attest to the highest level of recordkeeping excellence. Actuarial Consultants, Inc. (ACI) is the first firm in California to successfully complete the independent certification process for recordkeepers.

Commenting on the certification, Pat Byrnes, Founder and President of Actuarial Consultants, Inc. (ACI) said "In 1991 when I was President of ASPPA, we implemented separate Codes of Conduct for Actuary and non Actuary members. At that time there were preliminary discussions on developing standards of practice for all non actuarial members. We at ACI are thrilled that 18 years later we are the first organization in California to achieve the ASPPA recordkeeper certification. We believe that this certification is a testament to our pursuit of living our mission and values; our drive to continuously improve what we are doing and how we are doing it. I congratulate ASPPA, Roland|Criss and CEFEX for supporting standards of excellence. The preservation and enhancement of the private pension system requires this kind of forward thinking and acting."

Brian Graff, Executive Director of ASPPA, said, "Since recordkeepers play an integral role in helping fiduciary's fulfill their obligations, it is appropriate to provide a program where they can demonstrate their adherence to the standard. This certification fulfills that need."

In its continued effort to achieve a standard of excellence and promote trustworthiness through a stringent audit process among retirement plan recordkeepers and third party administrators (collectively "Recordkeepers"), an ASPPA task force established 17 critical practices with over 100 separate criteria against which Recordkeeper certification audits would be conducted. The purpose of ASPPA's program is to help plan sponsors identify recordkeeping firms that have passed a rigorous test of their fiduciary support capability.

"The ASPPA certification is different from other industry credentials because it's based on a third party audit process which is performed annually," said Ron E. Hagan, CEO of Roland|Criss and ASPPA task force member. "This process that Actuarial Consultants, Inc. has successfully completed tests such issues as fee transparency, quality controls, financial strength, technology support, and

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organizational leadership to name a few. It is the first standard of its type and is essential for measuring conduct, promoting competence, and attesting to trustworthiness.”

Actuarial Consultants, Inc. is registered at www.cefex.org where its certificate can also be viewed.

About ASPPA

ASPPA is the largest individual member oriented national organization consisting of retirement plan professionals who provide consulting and administrative services for qualified retirement plans covering millions of American workers. Our broad-based membership gives ASPPA unique insight into current practical applications of ERISA and other legislation that focus on the issues faced by employers with qualified retirement plans. While ASPPA’s membership is diverse, it is united by a common dedication to education and preservation of the employer-sponsored retirement plan system.

For more information on ASPPA, please visit www.aspa.org

About Roland|Criss

Founded in 1986, Roland|Criss is the leading independent, standards-based provider of certification audits. Roland|Criss is the first global organization to assist Investment Advisors, Investment Stewards, Investment Managers, and Recordkeepers convey a fiduciary and fiduciary-support identity that conforms to the highest standard of excellence. Once tested and approved, these organizations earn the CEFEX seal of excellence.

For more information on Roland|Criss, please visit www.rolandcriss.com

About Actuarial Consultants, Inc.

Founded by Pat Byrnes in 1983, ACI is a consulting firm dedicated to providing solutions to the right problems in the time and cost expected by its clients. They provide consulting, actuarial, compliance and recordkeeping services to retirement plan and compensation clients. ACI has grown to become one of the country’s most highly regarded compensation and benefits organizations.

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