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HOUSTON HOSTS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES PROFESSIONALS' (NASP) 16TH ANNUAL PENSION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CONFERENCE

HOUSTON – The City of Houston will host the National Association of Securities Professionals' (NASP), 16th Annual Pension and Financial Services Conference, "CHARTING A NEW COURSE FOR OUR SUCCESS" June 6-8, 2005 at the Hilton Americas Hotel.

Since 1985, the National Association of Securities Professionals has helped people of color and women achieve full inclusion in the financial securities industry. The organization connects members to industry leaders and business opportunities, advocates for policies that create equal representation and inclusion; provides educational opportunities; and works to build awareness about the value of ensuring that people of color and women are included in all aspects of the financial securities industry.



Photo Caption: (L-R) **Gerald Smith**, CEO, Smith Graham & Co., **Alfred Jackson**, CEO, Davis, Hamilton, Jackson & Assoc., **Jarvis Hollingsworth**, Partner, Bracewell & Patterson and Presiding Officer, Board of Trustees, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, **Jodie Jiles**, Chairman, Greater Houston Partnership, **Marquette Chester**, Partner, INVESCO and Chairman, NASP

The conference will be noteworthy by the significant involvement of an impressive group of Houston-based financial services professionals including Gerald B. Smith, Chairman & CEO, Smith Graham & Co., Alfred Jackson, Principal, Davis, Hamilton, Jackson & Assoc., Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Partner, Bracewell & Patterson and Presiding Officer, Board of Trustees, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, and Jodie Jiles, Chairman, Greater Houston Partnership as conference chairs. "We are delighted to have these major players heading a dynamic team that is enthusiastically preparing a robust program of keynote sessions, educational workshops and networking events," said NASP Chairman Marquette Chester.

For the past 15 years NASP's annual gathering has involved a notable group of investment professionals, including corporate treasurers, key public trustees, asset allocation experts and world-recognized economists. In keeping with the overall mission of NASP, the conference will place a premium on the issues of inclusion, financial literacy and the development of strategic alliances. Donna Sims Wilson, Managing Director, Loop Capital Markets and Chair of the Conference Program Committee, commented, "For the first time, this annual conference will include not only educational workshops for pension industry specialists but will also offer sessions designed exclusively for professionals in public and corporate finance and in the wealth management arena. Money managers, fund managers, bond lawyers, investment bankers, corporate and securities lawyers, underwriters, and other financial services professionals will not want to miss this year's conference."

Conference registration and sponsorship opportunities are detailed on the NASP website, www.NASPhq.org.

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