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September 26 "Lessons Learned" Sarbanes-Oxley Webinar


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Free webinar for CPAs, CPAs, controllers, compliance consultants and journalists

On Friday, September 26 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm EDT, a free webinar entitled *"Lessons Learned: First Year SOX Compliance Results for Smaller Public Companies"* will be sponsored by Lord & Benoit, a SOX research and consulting firm. Free registration is available online at

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This free webinar will last approximately 60 minutes and will review the results of first-time SOX smaller public filers with market capitalizations under \$75 million who were granted a number of compliance delays until year-ends 2005, 2006, July 2007 and Dec 15, 2007.

The timely question is, *"Did the extra time delays pay off?"* CPAs, CFOs, Controllers, SOX Compliance Consultants, Accountants and other financial professionals will benefit by understanding the current Section 404(a) non-accelerated filer first time results. Topics covered will include:

- The percentage of adverse reports for smaller public companies / comparison to accelerated filers.
- The number of smaller public companies that were non compliant.
- Is there confusion with legal and outside auditor as to professional

requirements?

- The rate of ineffective, non-existent or under staffed audit committees.
- Issues with competency, training, tone at top, ethics.
- Impact of GAAP departures, Ineffective design of controls and reliance on outside auditors for material auditor adjustments.
- Impact on Information Technology (SOX IT).
- A review of the Section 302 and Section 404 reports side by side for same companies.

CFOs will come away with a better understanding of the issues facing Smaller Public Companies and the risks of non-compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Presenter Bob Benoit is the President of Lord & Benoit, LLC, a firm focusing on SOX compliance for small to mid-sized public companies. In addition to his position with Lord & Benoit, Bob serves on the COSO Monitoring Project Task Force and the AICPA Peer Review Acceptance Board in MA. He is the author of the Lord & Benoit Reports, which have been referenced by the SEC, PCAOB, Wall Street Journal, Business Week, all Big 4 firms and over 100 newspapers.

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