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September 26 "Lessons Learned" Sarbanes-Oxley Webinar

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

WORCESTER, Mass. — 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 <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/769518932>.

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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