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September 26 "Lessons Learned" Sarbanes-Oxley Webinar

Monday September 15, 6:54 pm ET

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

WORCESTER, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--**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>.**

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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

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