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Nashville CEO Voted Most Influential Person in Accounting

NASHVILLE, Tenn., October 14, 2008 – David A. Costello, CPA, President and CEO of The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), was voted one of the “Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting” by *Accounting Today* Magazine. Nominated eleven times for the honor, Mr. Costello is joined by U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and SEC Chairman Chris Cox in 2008.

Appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of NASBA in 1994, Mr. Costello also serves as President and CEO of NASBA’s Center for the Public Trust, which was established in 2004 to educate and promote positive business ethics in accounting and business. In his professional life, Mr. Costello is a member of the AICPA, Tennessee Society of CPAs, and the New York Society of CPAs.

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A lifelong resident of Nashville, he is very involved in the community. Mr. Costello serves on the President's Advisory Group for David Lipscomb University, the MAC Advisory Group at Vanderbilt University and is an Elder at Woodmont Hills Family of God. He is a former member of the Audit Committee of Nashville Electric Service and served on the board of directors of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and INROADS. Mr. Costello is a graduate of David Lipscomb University and holds a MBA from Vanderbilt University. He and his wife Sally have five children and 14 grandchildren.

Celebrating 100 years of service, NASBA serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among the accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee.

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