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NABA Launches New Web Page to Encourage CPA Certification

Greenbelt, MD–(April 1, 2009)-The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) today launched a page on NABA’s Web site www.nabainc.org designed to help professional and student members interested in pursuing the certified public accountant designation and other certifications. The site includes links to exam resources, articles, and details on NABA’s CPA Bound initiative.

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NABA’s CPA Bound initiative was established in 2007 with the goal of increasing the number of African-American CPAs. According to a 2004 study by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the number of African-American CPAs represents only 3% of all CPAs.

“Increasing the number of African-American CPAs will lead to a stronger more diverse accounting and finance workforce which is essential for companies competing in the global marketplace,” said NABA’s Immediate Past President, Gwendolyn Skillern, CPA, and Chair, CPA Bound Initiative. “We take this goal seriously and encourage members and professionals to pursue the CPA and other professional certification to derive the maximum benefits in their chosen career.”

CPA Bound’s four program components include:

- Advocacy – focusing on information gathering and sharing to help members seeking to obtain the CPA and other professional designations.
- Ambassador Program – an outreach effort to raise awareness about the benefits and rewards of having the CPA designation.
- CPA Examination Summit – jointly sponsored by NABA and the Howard University School of Business Center for Accounting Education (CAE), this program brings together profession stakeholders at the Annual National Convention to discuss barriers to passing the CPA exam and make recommendations to eliminate those barriers.

Additional information on the CPA Bound initiative can be found on the Web site. In addition to the Web site, NABA will continue to showcase members with the CPA designation and other certifications in all of its national publications.

New CPAs are urged to e-mail NABA at nabacpas@nabainc.org to update their membership and to share details of their experiences in obtaining the CPA designation. For additional information on NABA and its programs and initiatives, log onto www.nabainc.org.

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