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NABA LEADERS MAKE ACCOUNTING TODAY'S "TOP 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN ACCOUNTING" LIST FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW

NABA Executive Director and COO, Gregory Johnson, CPA, and NABA Co-Founder, Frank Ross, CPA, Named to 2008 List

GREENBELT, MD (November 20, 2008) – The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) announced that Gregory Johnson, CPA, executive director and COO, along with Dr. Frank Ross, CPA, NABA co-founder and director, Howard University's Center for Accounting Education (HUCAE), were recently named to the 2008 "Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting" by leading industry publication *Accounting Today*.

"NABA is exceptionally pleased that both Gregory and Frank are among the top 100 most influential people in the accounting professions. NABA continues to be the leading advocate for minority CPAs while brokering sound solutions to the many accounting and finance challenges faced by African Americans and minorities. Both are committed to developing opportunities for minorities in the accounting and finance profession, and provide an important and unique voice for NABA. We are extremely proud that their professional accomplishments and achievements are being recognized," said Walter J. Smith, CPA, national president and CEO of NABA. "To have two NABA leaders named to this prestigious list of "Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting" reaffirms that NABA continues to play an integral role in cultivating and nurturing outstanding leaders who change the world." Smith, continued, "By encouraging and empowering African-Americans and minorities to pursue careers in the accounting and finance professions, NABA continues to play an increasingly important role on the national and international stage."

This is the fourth year in a row that a NABA leader has made the list. Johnson and Ross are among four African-Americans cited on the 2008 list.

"I am both humbled and privileged to be recognized along with Frank Ross among the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting." This is a testament to the influence that NABA has within the accounting profession as we celebrate our 40th anniversary next year. As an organization, we have an opportunity and obligation to make sure that we help our members and future members stay in front of the changes in this dynamic, evolving profession. We have a responsibility to stay on top of these changes, to be visible, and to promote the many opportunities and career paths available for our members," continued Johnson.

The *Accounting Today* staff compiles a broad list of candidates each year for its Top 100 list. This year's list, entitled *New Frontiers*, focuses on the abounding changes in the accounting industry and details how the individuals featured in the Top 100 are influencing and advancing the field.

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About the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc (NABA)

NABA is one of the premier professional organizations in the nation. NABA represents the interests of more than 100,000 African-American and minorities in the furtherance of their educational, professional, and career goals in the related fields of accounting, auditing, consulting, finance, information technology and tax. For more information, visit www.nabainc.org.

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