

# National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) Annual Forum and Expo to Focus on Form 5500 Changes and Economic Impact on Retirement Industry

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) returns to Las Vegas to host its 2009 NIPA Annual Forum & Expo (2009NAFE) April 26-29 at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. The struggling economy and the 2009 Form 5500 changes will be among the more pressing issues discussed as more than 25 education sessions with leading industry experts are slated.

*Specific session highlights include:*

Legislative and Regulatory Update – Topics to be explored include: pension priorities of the new President and Congress; fee disclosure to fiduciaries and plan participants; electronic filing of 5500s; the impact of the new IRS ERPA designation; and EGTRRA updating issues.

Understanding the Economy During Difficult Times – Discussion to include how market fundamentals as well as macroeconomic and geopolitical events affect the investment landscape.

Here We Go Again! Changes to Form 5500 and Mandatory E-filing – Participants will be introduced to the 2009 Form 5500 and will hear the latest information on the new EF AST2 system. This session will offer comprehensive review of the significant form changes.

“The pension industry is at a crossroads where administrators need to compete in a rapidly changing economic environment,” said NIPA President Theresa Conti. “The 2009NAFE offers fellow retirement plan professionals four days of enriching education and social networking while discovering new solutions to help strengthen and expand their business.”

The 2009NAFE will also feature an exhibit hall where more than 50 top industry vendors will be displaying cutting-edge products and services for the business needs of administrators.

Marketing opportunities are still available for those interested in exposing their products and services to a highly specialized group of influential industry professionals. NIPA offers a variety of programs to suit the needs of any solution provider. Interested organizations should contact Sara Kolovitz at 312-673-4779 or [skolovitz@nipa.org](mailto:skolovitz@nipa.org).

Registration for the 2009NAFE is now available online by going to [www.nipa.org/secure/forms/annualconf09/reg09.cfm](http://www.nipa.org/secure/forms/annualconf09/reg09.cfm).

## About NIPA

This nationwide educational association representing the pension administration profession fosters the highest standard of ethical and professional conduct by providing self-improvement outlets to all members and interested parties. NIPA offers two main educational programs each year: the executive-focused Business Management Conference and the all-level Annual Conference. The association sponsors two professional designation programs: the Accredited Pension Administrator (APA) and the Accredited Pension Representative (APR). To supplement its educational programming, NIPA promotes local chapters and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

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