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AICPA TO RELOCATE SELECT OPERATIONS TO DURHAM, N.C.

NEW YORK (October 25, 2005) – The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) today announced that it will relocate select operations currently located in Jersey City and New York City to Durham, N.C. A vote regarding the move decision was brought before the association’s Governing Council today, and an affirmative decision was reached.

The decision to relocate was the result of an extensive financial and location analysis conducted by AICPA management, with the assistance of objective consultants. “The relocation will position us for the next century of service to CPAs of this country,” said Barry C. Melancon, AICPA President and CEO.

This initiative was driven largely by the continuing escalation of labor costs in the New York metropolitan area, as well as the existence of excess space in AICPA’s Jersey City location. The association plans to sublet its excess office space for the remaining term of its lease. The relocation is expected to provide the AICPA with an annuity savings of approximately \$10-11 million dollars per year over a 15-year period.

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Approximately 400 job functions will be moved to North Carolina beginning in August of 2006. With few exceptions, the association's New York and Washington, D.C. offices will not be impacted by this move.

Melancon states that a critical objective for the move is to mitigate any disruption to service to AICPA members during the transition period. "No other factor is as critical as maintaining effective ongoing membership service. For this reason we are planning a significant period of duplicate operations for impacted functions. In addition we have brought an experienced project management firm on board to drive the highest quality of planning and execution of the move."

"We recognize that change is not easy, and we will do everything possible for our members and for our staff to ensure a smooth transition," said Melancon. The association will provide relocation assistance and a comprehensive separation package for those who do not remain with AICPA but who help the organization through the transition.

"We believe this is the right long-term decision for AICPA," concluded Melancon. "The Raleigh-Durham area offers a premier labor market and significantly lower operating costs, as well as an exceptional quality of life for our staff."

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (www.aicpa.org) is the national, professional association of CPAs, with approximately 350,000 members, including CPAs in business and industry, public practice, government, and education; student affiliates; and international associates. It sets ethical standards for the profession and U.S. auditing standards for audits of private companies; federal, state and local governments; and non-profit organizations. It also develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination.

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