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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND SCREENERS
IN BETA PHASE OF ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program Gearing Up for National Rollout in Q1 2010

MORRISVILLE, NC, AUGUST 4, 2009 – The National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS®) announces it is in beta implementation of its Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program (BSAAP). The NAPBS Background Screening Credentialing Council has undergone a rigorous process to select six companies representative of its traditional membership to participate in the beta test. Three of these companies are in the 1-12 employee category; two companies are in the 26-50 employee category; and, one company is in the 100+ employee category.

As part of the beta test implementation, the participating organizations are currently undergoing the BSAAP accreditation process and will also provide feedback that will help NAPBS validate and fine-tune the program before its planned national launch in Q1 2010. The beta participants that successfully complete the Accreditation process will be announced along with the first group of accredited agencies once the program is rolled out nationally.

“The BSAAP beta test phase is crucial toward advancing professionalism in the employment screening industry through best practices, awareness of legal compliance and development of standards that ultimately protect consumers,” said Tracy Seabrook, CAE, executive director of NAPBS. “The beta test ensures our processes and procedures are fair, functional and provide appropriate assistance to the accreditation applicants.”

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Governed by a strict and thorough set of professional standards, the BSAAP will become a widely recognized seal of approval that brings national recognition to a background screening-affiliated organization for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards and continued institutional improvement. Accredited agencies will be held to the higher standards set by BSAAP and must successfully demonstrate compliance in six critical areas.

More information on the BSAAP and NAPBS is available at www.napbs.org.

About NAPBS

The National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS) is the leading national resource for issues related to the rapidly expanding background screening industry. Founded in 2003 as a nonprofit trade association, NAPBS promotes ethical business practices and fosters awareness of privacy rights and consumer protection issues. It is the foremost leader in the movement toward establishing generally accepted and reliable standards for background screening professionals and organizations. Now representing 729 member companies in the US and internationally, NAPBS is active in public affairs and presents a unified voice for the industry in the development of national, state, and local regulation. It advances industry objectives by providing a national infrastructure, organizational support, strong branding, and a forum for an open exchange of ideas. It also sponsors research on front-burner issues relevant to the industry; for example, consumer disputes and screening for terrorists. NAPBS has also unveiled an accreditation program for its members, exhibited at conferences of human resources professionals and other related industries.

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