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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND SCREENERS  
TO LAUNCH ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

*Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program Will Rollout in Conjunction with Annual Conference in April 2009*

MORRISVILLE, NC, January 21, 2009 – The National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS®) announces it will launch its new Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program (BSAAP) in conjunction with the 2009 NAPBS Annual Conference, which will be held April 19-22, 2009 in St. Louis, MO.

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.

“The BSAAP will serve as the industry’s primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation, and public accountability,” said Tracy Seabrook, executive director of NAPBS. “Developed and sustained by background screening professionals, the BSAAP reflects, reinforces, and promotes best practices, institutional ethics, and the highest standards of background screening operations.”

In preparation for the April 2009 launch, NAPBS has formed the NAPBS Background Screening Credentialing Council to ensure firms seeking accreditation meet or exceed a measurable standard of competence in the areas of integrity, security, consumer privacy and legal compliance.

The Council is chaired by Bruce Berger, a long-time member and chair of the NAPBS Accreditation Committee, along with the help of NAPBS executive director Tracy Seabrook and past chairs Noelle Harling, Mike Coffey and Karen DiPaolo. Five sub-committees have been formed under the Council to provide direction in critical areas of accreditation, including standards, governance, policies and procedures marketing and communications and financial.

NAPBS members will have access to Accreditation program training sessions during the conference in April, along with access to the Accreditation Standard and the Best Practice Committee's Accreditation Check List on the NAPBS website.

### **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, the 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. The NAPBS has also unveiled an accreditation program for NAPBS members, exhibited at conferences of human resources professionals and other related industries.

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