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Dear Fellow Pension Fund Auditor:

Our spring professional development conference will be held May 1 – 4, 2011 in New Orleans, LA. New Orleans is one of the most important cities in the South and has been for most of its history. The city is known for its cuisine, architecture, and culture which have been influenced largely by different periods of French and Spanish Rule. Due to its location on the Mississippi river, New Orleans is a major port city which also influenced the local atmosphere. New Orleans is home to many famous attractions including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festival. This year the festival begins on April 29th and ends on May 8th, 2011. This festival is one of the largest music festivals around and features various types of music such as Rock, Country, Jazz, Reggae, Blues, and features artists by the names of Bon Jovi, Jimmy Buffet, Kid Rock, Irma Thomas, and Dr. John. Also, Located in New Orleans is the Audubon Nature institute that features several museums and parks. The Audubon Aquarium and the Audubon Insectarium are close to the hotel. There are many world famous chefs that call New Orleans home, such as Emeril Lagasse, John Besh, and Susan Spicer; which has helped maintain New Orleans' reputation for being one of the food capitals of the world. For the adventurous visitors, there are swamp tours and haunted mansion tours. And for the adults, of course there is the famous Bourbon Street.

As always, the conference will offer a wide range of topics designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of all who attend. Your APPFA colleagues will discuss continuous auditing and governance. In addition, external speakers will talk about enterprise risk management, auditing complex valuations, governance, risk, & controls over the fair value of investments, IT auditing and a variety of other topics. Of course, an APPFA conference would not be complete without the ever-popular "Roll Call of the States" session.

Registration fees continue to be a bargain at \$200 per attendee for 17.5 hours of CPE. The registration fee includes the Sunday night welcome reception, breakfasts, lunches and breaks. The price also includes a jazz dinner cruise on Monday night on the Creole Queen.

The conference will be held at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel. Please reserve your room by **Friday, April 1, 2011** in order to take advantage of the conference/government rate of **\$131**. Remember to mention that you are affiliated with the Association of Public Pension Fund Auditors/APPFA conference when making your reservation by calling (504) 529-5333. This rate is also available for Wednesday, May 4th. Valet parking is available for \$32/day plus tax and you may come and go as you please.

The hotel is about a 30 minute drive from New Orleans International Airport (MSY) and shuttle service is available for about \$40 round trip. Taxi Service is also available from the airport to the hotel for \$33 for the first two people and it is \$14 per person if there are 3 or more people. This guaranteed price is only from the airport to the hotel; the price to return can vary depending upon the local traffic.

Please complete and mail a paper copy of the completed registration form along with your registration fees to the address noted on the form. In addition, e-mail an electronic version to Ryan Babin at rbabin@lasersonline.org by **Friday, April 1, 2011**. Further information on the New Orleans area is available at www.neworleansonline.com. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Ryan Babin at (225) 922-0606.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Richard

Richard Bendall, APPFA President