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National Institute of Pension Administrators Partners With Western Pension and Benefits Council for the 2018 NIPA Annual Forum & Expo

Chicago — In a move that will expand the educational offerings available to its members, the National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA), an association representing retirement plan administration business owners and staff members, will be partnering with the Western Pension and Benefits Council (WP&BC) for the 2018 NIPA Annual Forum & Expo (2018NAFE), May 20-23, 2018 in Las Vegas.

The goal of this partnership is to expand the reach of both organizations and offer increased benefits to each organizations' membership base. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in attendance for the 2018NAFE who will be able to explore and interact with a larger number of sponsors and exhibitors in the Expo Hall this year as well.

"Year after year, the NAFE provides enriching education, professional development and knowledge-sharing for those that attend," said Laura J. Rudzinski, NIPA Executive Director. "This year we're welcoming the opportunity to enhance our education offerings by having WP&BC join us to provide a fifth track of sessions that all attendees can look forward to."

Together with WP&BC, the 2018NAFE is offering five educational tracks to provide a wider variety of learning opportunities, including business topics, defined benefit, defined contribution, health and welfare, and executive compensation. Attendees will have the chance to learn and apply best practices in various aspects of defined contribution and defined benefit plan design and administration, discover the latest in legislative and regulatory guidance, recognize trends in the industry to help shape business practices, understand adaptive selling and marketing techniques, and more.

"The Governing Board of WP&BC is very excited about this partnership, and we hope our members will embrace a fresh conference approach that includes better technology support and remote access, a history of well-attended and well-executed conferences, and a venue that has proven popular with our attendees across the West," said Brenda Berg, WP&BC Governing Board President.

Additionally, the 2018NAFE's open forum format provides plenty of opportunities for networking, idea exchange and learning from world-class speakers and an exclusive group of peers who have faced common challenges in the retirement plan industry.

Retirement plan professionals are encouraged to stay in-the-know about industry changes by registering for the 2018NAFE. Best rates expire April 20, 2018.

Learn more and register at www.nipa.org/NAFE.

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About NIPA

The National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) is the voice of retirement plan professionals looking to move TPA businesses forward. NIPA serves TPA business owners across the United States by creating environments with world-class education, best-practice exchanges, and deep peer-to-peer relationships. As a result, our members' revenue grows dramatically, processes are streamlined, productivity increases, and life-long relationships are developed. For more information, visit www.nipa.org.

About Western Pension & Benefits Council

The **Western Pension & Benefits Council** is a premier employee benefits organization with 10 chapters throughout the western United States. The mission of the Western Pension & Benefits Council is to educate, foster sound industry principles and provide for networking opportunities to local retirement, health & welfare and other employee benefits professionals. Our members include plan sponsors, accountants, attorneys, actuaries, TPAs, advisors, consultants and others who work with employee benefit plans and executive compensation. For more information, please visit www.westernpension.org