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## NASBA Launches CPAverify.org

### *Free National Database Offers the Public Single-Source Access to U.S. CPA Licensee Data*

**NASHVILLE (October 24, 2011)** – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) today announced the launch of [CPAverify.org](http://CPAverify.org) – a website featuring a central database of state licensee information about Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) practicing across the nation. Populated by official state regulatory data received from State Boards of Accountancy, the website is free and open to the public. In its initial launch, the CPAverify.org website will include licensee data for 22 states with additional states being added regularly until all 55 U.S. CPA licensing jurisdictions are included.

A national database of this kind has been in high demand for some time now as corporations, individuals, CPA firms and organizations such as the IRS and PCAOB have expressed a need for up-to-date access to CPA records across multiple jurisdictions. To address this growing need in the marketplace, CPAverify was designed as an outward-facing version of an internal CPA database that has been in operation by NASBA for several years and only available for use by authorized state board personnel.

“With database platforms, data processes, privacy policies and freedom of information laws varying from state to state, it is quite an undertaking to synchronize all those various data feeds into one useful tool that can be available to help support the State Boards with public protection and enforcement efforts,” stated David Costello, CPA, NASBA President and CEO. “For this reason, NASBA and the State Boards are very proud to be launching the service for public consumption and additional states’ data will be added regularly until all 55 CPA licensing jurisdictions are included.”

Whether sourcing talent to fill open positions or searching for the ideal CPA to assist with an income tax return, CPAverify.org will provide individuals and organizations alike a convenient and credible way to research whether a CPA is officially licensed in a particular state without having to search each state board website individually. The tool also goes one step further by providing general license history for CPAs. To learn more about CPAverify.org or to conduct your own search, visit [www.CPAverify.org](http://www.CPAverify.org).

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### **About NASBA**

Celebrating 103 years of service, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license over 650,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, TN, with a satellite office in New York City and an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam. To learn more about NASBA, visit [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org).

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