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## **PES and ISACA Sign Agreement for an International Practice Analysis Building on More Than 15 Years of Collaboration**

New York, NY, February 9, 2004 — Professional Examination Service (PES) is pleased to announce an agreement with the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), for an international study to update the practice analysis that forms the basis of the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) examination. Since its inception in 1978, the CISA credential has become recognized and adopted worldwide as a symbol of excellence in information systems auditing, control, and security. PES has been ISACA's credentialing partner since 1987, and the agreement follows the successful launch of a new Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) credential in 2002.

Commenting on the agreement, Terry Trsar, ISACA's Chief Professional Development Officer, said, "We conduct a new job analysis a minimum of every five years, in large part because of the continual increase in system complexity and the vital role information technology plays in internal control. Our three previous practice analyses were conducted in partnership with PES, and we are very comfortable with their approach; they have a deep understanding of both the technological and international aspects of the CISA program."

I. Leon Smith, PES President and CEO said, "We are delighted to be collaborating with ISACA on this international practice analysis — the CISA program has earned a reputation for quality throughout the world." According to Smith, "PES has extended practice analysis studies to the international arena for a number of clients, and we have implemented new techniques, including web-based surveys, to ensure the successful and timely completion of such studies."

The practice analysis will begin early in 2004, and will seek input from a broad range of stakeholders in over 100 countries. Working with ISACA's Practice Analysis Taskforce, PES will facilitate three international focus panels and independent reviews with content experts to create a detailed description of the tasks performed by, and knowledge required of, information systems audit practitioners. The results will then be validated through a web-based survey distributed to 3,000 current CISAs worldwide. According to Ria Lucas, Chair of ISACA's CISA Certification Board, "The results of the CISA practice analysis will be used to develop new test specifications to ensure that the CISA examination continues to reflect current best practices."

**About ISACA** — With more than 28,000 members in more than 100 countries, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association® (ISACA®) ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org)) is a recognized global leader in IT governance, control, security and assurance. Founded in 1969, ISACA sponsors international conferences, publishes the *Information Systems Control Journal*™, develops globally applicable information systems auditing and control standards, and administers the globally respected CISA® (Certified Information Systems Auditor™) designation earned by more than 34,000 professionals worldwide, as well as the CISM™ (Certified Information Security Manager™) designation.

**About PES** — For more than 60 years, PES has been a leader in creating, implementing, and enhancing quality credentialing programs for clients across a broad range of occupations. Founded in 1941 as a nonprofit corporation, PES's mission is to promote the public welfare by communicating and demonstrating the value of credentialing. PES achieves its mission by providing personalized services and by making public service contributions in support of credentialing activities that include licensure and certification, competency assurance, accreditation, and training-related certification.