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Financial Planners Standards Council Contracts with PES for Testing Services

New York, NY, November 2007—Professional Examination Service (PES) is pleased to announce an agreement to deliver psychometric consulting and test administration services to the Financial Planners Standards Council (FPSC). Under the terms of the agreement, PES will provide examination development, scoring, and statistical services, as well as paper-based test administration services across Canada.

Commenting on the agreement, John Wickett, FPSC Vice President, Standards & Certification, said, “FPSC is committed to maintaining the highest standards in the development and delivery of its certification program, and we are confident in PES’s ability to provide specialized support in this important initiative.”

PES President, I. Leon Smith, offered, “Helping clients to ensure the ongoing integrity and security of their intellectual property, and therein helping to safeguard the public welfare by way of properly credentialed professionals, is perhaps PES’s highest calling as a mission-driven, not-for-profit credentialing services company. We take pride in working closely with clients to develop and maintain valid, defensible assessments, and in delivering those assessments securely. Over the many years that we have been administering high-stakes examinations, we have built an extensive network of secure test sites staffed by qualified testing personnel, and have developed rigorous test administration procedures that enable us to provide a positive, uniform testing experience for candidates around the world. We are delighted to be partnering with FPSC in this endeavor.”

About FPSC—FPSC is a not-for-profit organization established in 1995 to lead the development of the financial planning profession. FPSC develops and enforces the highest standards in financial planning competency and ethics for individuals who hold CFP® (CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®) certification in Canada. There are currently more than 17,000 CFP professionals in Canada and more than 100,000 individuals who have earned CFP certification in 20 countries around the world. See www.cfp-ca.org for more information.

About PES—Since 1941, PES has provided assessment and consulting services to organizations across a broad range of professions, in support of professional licensure and certification, training, and continuing professional education. PES offers a full range of assessment and testing services, including practice analysis and test specification development, item and examination development, test administration, psychometric analysis, scoring and reporting, and program management. PES specializes in high-quality evaluation research that is tailored to the needs of each client’s program and the special interest of its stakeholders, including a wide variety of studies and developmental efforts to assist in the planning and implementation of new programs, or the evaluation and enhancement of existing programs. PES also offers advisory services, including strategic and policy planning, and association management. To learn more about PES, visit us online at <http://www.proexam.org>.

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