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Access to the FASB Accounting Standards CodificationTM on July 1, 2009

Norwalk, Conn., June 16, 2009—The *FASB Accounting Standards Codification*TM (FASB Codification), the online research system representing the single source of authoritative nongovernmental U.S. GAAP, will be available from the FASB in two views.

Professional View

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Basic View

Access to FASB Codification including:

- Topically organized access to all authoritative nongovernmental U.S. GAAP, including relevant SEC content
- Utility to identify the location of original standards
- Basic print functionality.

FASB Codification *Professional View* is available by annual subscription at \$850 for single concurrent usequantity discounts for multiple concurrent use. (Single concurrent use allows more than one individual to access the FASB Codification; however, only one individual can access the system at a time. Multiple concurrent use allows for a predetermined number of users who can simultaneously access the FASB Codification.) The *Basic View* is available at no charge.

Registration Process

The registration process for access to the *FASB Accounting Standards Codification*[™] will begin on July 1, 2009. At that time, you may elect to sign-up for access to the *Professional View* or *Basic View*. Registration instructions will be available at <u>http://asc.fasb.org</u> on July 1, 2009. (A four-volume bound edition of the FASB Codification is expected to be available by the end of August 2009—pricing is not available at this time.)

Academic Access

The Financial Accounting Foundation, through a special program with the American Accounting Association—*Academic Access*, will provide free access to the *Professional View* of the FASB Codification for faculty and students of accounting programs at post-secondary educational institutions. Learn more about *Academic Access* at <u>http://aaahq.org/FASB/Access.cfm</u>.

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