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Jim Metzler to Present AICPA's Horizons 2025 Report at the TIAG International Conference in Boston

St. Petersburg, Florida, USA (May 5, 2013) - <u>The International Accounting Group (TIAG®)</u> will conduct its 20th international conference in Boston from May 6th through 8th. Continuing to provide its members with unmatched access to accounting and legal professionals, <u>TAGLaw®</u>, <u>TIAG's</u> sister alliance of independent law firms, will also convene for its 28th international conference. The two alliances will conduct joint sessions on the second day of the conference.

Among the many notable sessions at the conference is "The Accounting Profession 2025" to be presented by the AICPA's Vice President of Small Business Interests, Jim Metzler. In this session, Mr. Metzler will blend the output and analysis from the AICPA's Horizons 2025 Initiative with his practical insight into what firms can do today to harness the many opportunities that will unfold over the next 15 years. The AICPA's Horizons 2025 Report is comprised of insights from accountants, business owners, regulators and futurists.

"Members of TIAG are continually looking ahead, and for many, joining our alliance has given their firms an advantage today and for their future," said Robert Sattin, President of TIAG. "We look forward to hearing Mr. Metzler's insights into the future of the accounting industry and how our firms can be prepared for the future."

In addition to Mr. Metzler's presentation, other sessions at the TIAG & TAGLaw conference include:

- "Building Your Firm's Online Reputation" presented by Roy Keely of xCentric;
- "Working with Your Client's CFO" moderated by Norm Posner of TAGLaw member firm Samet & Company in Massachusetts;
- "Using TIAG to Grow Your Firm & Growth by Acquisition" presented by Howard Wilkinson of TIAG member firm Mercer & Hole in London, England;
- "How Professional Advisors Can Add Value to Not-for-Profit Clients" presented by Anthony Wilson of Cambridge Associates LLC;
- "Helping Your Clients Succeed The Imperative of Business Acumen" by Mark Maraia of Maraia & Associates, Inc.;
- "Update on the FASB and IASB Convergence Project" presented by Patricia Donoghue of The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB); and
- "Tax in the Cloud" presented by Gregory Bryant of TAGLaw member firm Williams Mullen in North Carolina and Virginia.

In addition, TIAG and TAGLaw facilitate breakout sessions on firm management and opportunities for specialists in various aspects of accounting and law to exchange ideas and experiences.



About TIAG:

Founded in 2003, TIAG is an international alliance of high quality, independent accounting firms. Combined with TAGLaw, an alliance of independent law firms, they provide professional accounting, financial and legal services on a worldwide scale. With approximately 12,500 professionals in over 255 member firms, and more than 500 offices in over 90 countries, the two alliances serve tens of thousands of clients from all industry and commercial sectors. Learn more about TIAG at www.TIAGnet.com.

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