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**KIDDER AGAIN CERTIFIED BY CENTRE
FOR FIDUCIARY EXCELLENCE**

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA – For the second year in a row, Kidder Benefits Consultants has been certified for its adherence to the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) Standard of Practice for Retirement Plan Service Providers. In 2011, Kidder was among the nation's first-third party administrators to complete the independent certification process conducted by the Centre for Fiduciary Excellence (CEFEX).

The ASPPA Standard describes how a service provider can help plan sponsors fulfill their fiduciary obligations. It includes best practices for governance, organization, human resources, operations, planning, systems and disclosure. Kidder's renewal certification is for its provision of Third Party Administration services.

In making the announcement, Keith Gredys, CEO & President of Kidder, "We're proud to be recognized for serving the unique retirement savings needs of our clients and their employees. As one of America's largest providers of cash balance plans, we can deliver actuarial and pension consulting resources and expertise, beyond the scope of most other providers."

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About Kidder:

Kidder Benefits Consultants is nationally recognized for its expertise in pension consulting and administration. The firm is experienced in all types of plans – including 401(k), Defined Benefit, Cash Balance and ESOPs – and provides IRS and Department of Labor resolution services and fiduciary governance on behalf of plan sponsors. Kidder currently serves nearly 1,100 qualified plans and more than 25,000 participants from its headquarters in West Des Moines, Iowa, as well as regional offices in Omaha, NE, Albuquerque, NM, and Tucson, AZ. For additional information, visit www.askkidder.com.

About CEFEX:

The Centre for Fiduciary Excellence, LLC. is an independent certification organization. CEFEX works closely with industry experts to provide comprehensive assessment programs to improve the fiduciary practices of investment stewards, advisors, recordkeepers, administrators and managers. CEFEX has offices in Toronto, Canada and Pittsburgh, PA.