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**KIDDER ACHIEVES TOP 10 NATIONWIDE RANKING IN ASSETS
PER PARTICIPANT FOR THIRD YEAR IN A ROW**

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA – For the third consecutive year, Kidder Benefits Consultants ranked among the Top 10 in a nationwide study of assets held by participants in qualified retirement plans. According to results of the 19th annual *PlanSponsor Recordkeeping Survey*, Kidder ranked ninth in 401(k) Assets per Plan Participant among defined contribution top recordkeepers. Other retirement plan providers in the Top 10 included Charles Schwab, Prudential, Voya, Vanguard, Fidelity Investments and T. Rowe Price.

Commenting on the announcement, Keith Gredys, CEO & President of Kidder said, “This national ranking – achieved now for three years in a row – demonstrates both our expertise in plan design and our ongoing success in improving employee participant outcomes. Working closely with employers and plan sponsors, we develop customized qualified plan solutions that reduce costs, manage taxes and promote greater participation and contributions. The result is that everyone wins.”

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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 1,000 qualified plans and 30,000 participants across the country from its headquarters in West Des Moines, Iowa, as well as regional offices in Omaha, NE, Albuquerque, NM, Tucson, AZ and Gainesville, FL. For additional information, visit www.askkidder.com.