**KIDDER NAMES DAWN HAFNER CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**

 WEST DES MOINES, IOWA – Keith Gredys, President & CEO of Kidder Benefits Consultants, has announced the appointment of Dawn Hafner to the new positions of Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. In addition to having executive authority over Kidder’s operations and multiple offices, Ms. Hafner will play a key role in developing and implementing the firm’s ongoing growth strategy.

 Prior to joining Kidder, Ms. Hafner served as Engagement Leader for the ESOP Consulting Division of Verisight (formerly RSM McGladrey). From 2000 to 2003, she was Manager of Administrative Services for the Kidder organization. Dawn is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Iowa Society of CPAs. She earned her Certified Pension Consultant (CPC) and Qualified Plan Administrator (QPA) designations from the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries. She holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Iowa.

 In making the announcement, Mr. Gredys noted, “Dawn’s talents and experience are perfect fits for Kidder as we open this new chapter in our history. Changing fiduciary regulations in the retirement plan space – particularly those impacting 401(k) and Cash Balance plans – have created a huge need for the professional services and systems we offer. Plan sponsors are seeking peace of mind, and we are one of the few providers who can offer it. Having Dawn on board will enable me to focus on the many business opportunities that have been created by this changing marketplace.”

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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.