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NOTICE: DPL Board of Public Accountancy Joins National Licensing Databases

Effective June 18, 2013, the Board of Public Accountancy is participating in two national licensing databases, CPAVerify and the Accountancy Licensing Database (ALD), maintained by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). These databases will make more state licensing information available to the Board, licensees, and the public.

CPAVerify: CPAVerify is a free, online database that provides basic information regarding the status of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) and accounting firms licensed to practice in participating jurisdictions. Specifically, CPAVerify provides online reports to employers, professionals and the general public who wish to obtain licensing history information from a single-source national database. Boards of Accountancy in more than 40 states currently participate in CPAVerify.

Accountancy Licensing Database (ALD): ALD is a free resource for state boards of accountancy. Through ALD, authorized board staff will now have consolidated online access to information regarding the licensure status and disciplinary history of out-of-state licensees practicing in Massachusetts. In exchange for access to this information, the Board will provide similar information to ALD on CPAs and accounting firms licensed to practice in Massachusetts. Boards of Accountancy in more than 44 states currently participate in the database.

For more information on these databases, please visit NASBA's website, www.NASBA.org. To access CPAVerify, please visit www.CPAVerify.org. For additional information regarding the Board of Public Accountancy's participation in these databases, please contact Board staff at (617) 727-1806.

The Board of Registration of Public Accountancy monitors the practice of public accountancy and its related business operations, to ensure that the services provided to the public in any licensed capacity are in accordance with the ethical standards of Massachusetts General Laws and Board Regulations. The Board also ensures that licensees have complied with all continuing education and peer review report requirements necessary to renew their licenses. The Board currently licenses more than 18,000 individuals and businesses in the public accountancy profession.

Consumers are urged to visit the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL) website at www.mass.gov/dpl and select the "Check a Professional's License" link to determine whether a professional with whom they may do business is licensed and in good standing.

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