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**KIDDER BENEFITS ACQUIRES LANE & ASSOCIATES,
ESTABLISHES KIDDER-LANE ACTUARIAL SERVICES**

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA – Kidder Benefits Consultants has acquired Lane & Associates, an actuarial firm located in West Des Moines, Iowa, and created a new entity, Kidder-Lane Actuarial Services, LLC. Doug Lane, former principal of Lane & Associates has agreed to be President of the new company and retains an ownership interest. Keith Gredys is Chairman and CEO.

According to Mr. Gredys, “Skilled actuarial services are required in the design and implementation of defined benefit and cash balance plans, and we have enjoyed a strong working relationship with Lane & Associates for nearly 15 years. Bringing this accomplished actuarial team inside the Kidder organization enhances our ability to serve our growing base of defined benefit and cash balance clients.”

In addition to serving Kidder clients, the new firm will continue to provide actuarial services to outside third-party pension administrators and individual plan sponsors.

“The higher contribution opportunities available in defined benefit and cash balance plans are very attractive to sponsors and participants seeking to optimize their retirement savings,” noted Mr. Lane. “We are seeing significant growth in these specialized types of plans, and joining the Kidder organization gives us greater access to the systems and resources required to serve them.”

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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 31,000 participants from its headquarters in West Des Moines, Iowa, as well as regional offices in Omaha, NE, Albuquerque, NM, Rochester, MN, and Tucson, AZ. For additional information, visit www.askkidder.com.