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NABA, Inc. Congratulates Gregory Johnson, CPA on Earning the Certified Association Executive Credential

Greenbelt, MD (January 26, 2010) –The [National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.](http://www.nabainc.org) (NABA) is proud to announce that Gregory Johnson, CPA, NABA’s Executive Director, has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). The designation is the highest professional credential in the association industry. He is also a Certified Public Accountant in New York State.

Less than five percent of all association professionals have earned the CAE. To be designated as a CAE, an applicant must have a minimum of three years experience in nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 75 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must undertake ongoing professional development and activities in association and nonprofit management. About 3,600 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the CAE program.

“We congratulate Gregory on this incredible professional achievement,” said Walter J. Smith, CPA, National President and CEO of NABA. “Gregory has been integral to the progress of NABA, and we value his commitment to the organization. This achievement is a testament to his experience, professionalism and commitment to life-long learning, and it is very well-deserved. Since joining NABA, he has elevated the awareness of our issues and positioned NABA as a global organization and thought leader in our field.”

Johnson, a lifetime member of NABA, took the helm in December 2007 after a more than 20-year professional career, with tenures in public accounting and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As Executive Director, he is charged with overall management responsibility for NABA’s National Office operations. He also works with the NABA Board of Directors, regional and chapter leaders and the NABA Division of Firms (DOF) to execute the Association’s strategic goals.

Johnson’s achievement will be memorialized in an upcoming issue of *Association Now*, and he will be recognized at ASAE’s Annual Meeting in August.

About NABA, Inc.

The National Association of Black Accountants Inc. (NABA) represents the interests of more than 100,000 people of color in furthering their educational and professional aspirations in the fields of accounting, business and finance. Established in 1969 by nine African American accountants in New York City, the organization currently boasts more than 200 professional and student chapters across the country and partners with like-minded organizations nationally and internationally. For additional information about NABA, call (301) 474-6222, visit www.nabainc.org, or email communications@nabainc.org. Follow NABA's social networks: [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#).

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