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## **COSO to Issue Updated *Internal Control-Integrated Framework: 2013* and Related Illustrative Documents in May *Guidance on transition also released***

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla., March 20, 2013** – The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) – an organization providing thought leadership and guidance on internal control, enterprise risk management and fraud deterrence, announced today that its Board has approved COSO’s updated *Internal Control – Integrated Framework:2013 (Framework)* and expects to issue it on May 14, 2013. The issuance will also include a volume of *Illustrative Tools for Assessing Effectiveness of a System of Internal Control*.

COSO also expects to issue simultaneously *Internal Control over External Financial Reporting: A Compendium of Approaches and Examples*, which has been developed to assist users when applying the *Framework* to external financial reporting objectives.

Authored by PwC under the direction of the COSO Board, the *Framework* and related illustrative documents are intended to help organizations in their efforts to adapt to increasing complexity and pace of change, to mitigate risks to the achievement of objectives and to provide reliable information to support sound decision making.

“COSO and PwC are very appreciative of the extensive and thoughtful input we have received from stakeholders through their participation in an initial survey of potential updates, comments during public exposures of draft documents, and other forums during the 2 ½ year development process,” said David Landsittel, Chairman of COSO. “While our original internal control framework, published in 1992, has stood the test of time, we are confident that the update will bring added benefits to users.”

The COSO Board also announced today that it will continue to make available the original framework during the transition period extending to December 15, 2014, after which time COSO will consider it as having been superseded.

The Board believes that the key concepts and principles embedded in the original framework are fundamentally sound and broadly accepted in the marketplace, and accordingly, continued use of the original framework during the transition period (May 14, 2013 to December 15, 2014) is appropriate. During that period, the Board believes that application of its *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* that involves external reporting should clearly disclose whether the original or 2013 version was utilized.

The COSO Board's goal in updating the original framework has been to reflect changes in the business and operating environments, to formalize more explicitly the principles embedded in the original framework that facilitate development of effective internal control and assessment of its effectiveness, and to increase ease of use when applied to an entity objective. Accordingly, the Board believes that users should transition to the 2013 Framework in their applications and related documentation as soon as is feasible under their particular circumstances.

### **About COSO**

Originally formed in 1985, COSO is a joint initiative of five private sector organizations and is dedicated to providing thought leadership through the development of frameworks and guidance on enterprise risk management (ERM) internal control and fraud deterrence. COSO's sponsoring organizations are the American Accounting Association (AAA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Financial Executives International (FEI), The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

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