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Press Invited to Mortgage and Foreclosure Workshop Hosted by Michigan Association of CPAs

Ann Arbor, MI January 26, 2009 – The Michigan Association of CPAs is hosting a workshop for CPAs and financial professionals on some of the most pertinent investment, mortgage and foreclosure issues being faced in today's market. The workshop will take place this week on Wednesday, January 28th at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. The sessions begin at 7:30am and end at 11:00am. Speakers include:

- **Leon LaBrecque, CPA, JD, CFA, CFP®** - *Registered Investment Advisor, LPJR, LL, Troy*
- **Gibran Nicholas, CMPS®** - *Chairman & CEO, CMPS Institute, Ann Arbor*
- **Stuart A. Gold, Esq.** - *Shareholder, Gold Lange & Majors, PC, Southfield*
- **Anthony Perna, CPA** - *Principal, MRPR Group, Southfield*
- **George W. Gregory, CPA, JD, MBA** - *Attorney, George W. Gregory, PLLC, Birmingham*

Gibran Nicholas, Chairman and CEO of the CMPS Institute, will be speaking about key mortgage and real estate topics including:

- How the recent government interventions effect Michigan homeowners
- How to tell if a homeowner qualifies for a loan modification or short sale
- Tips and strategies for negotiating with lenders
- Financial strategies and opportunities to consider in today's real estate market

Gibran has personally trained over 6,000 financial professionals across the country including CPAs, attorneys, financial planners, bankers and mortgage brokers. Gibran is regularly quoted as an industry expert in national publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, *MarketWatch*, *Business Week* and the *Washington Post* and has been featured on Fox and ABC News.

"A whopping 442,000 mortgages in Michigan - representing over 38% of all Michigan homeowners - are currently experiencing negative equity," said Nicholas. "We are very excited to be a part of this very timely workshop that is designed to better equip professional advisors in helping clients navigate today's turbulent mortgage, financial and real estate markets."

The agenda for the event can be viewed here:

<http://www.michcpa.org/Public/Catalog/CourseDetails.aspx?courseID=084IMF1>

Members of the press can request complimentary attendance by simply contacting Josephine Nicholas at 888.608.9800, ext. 102 or josephine@cmepsinstitute.org.

For more information on the event, please contact Chrissy Young at 248.26.3741 or cyoung@michcpa.org.

About the Michigan Association of CPAs: The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) is a professional organization that provides education, information, tools and resources to more than 17,000 CPAs and affiliated professionals throughout Michigan. The MACPA is committed to serving the CPA profession by providing the tools CPAs need to turn vision into reality and success into professional greatness. The MACPA is the state's premier resource for CPAs in education, government, industry and public accounting as well as educators, students and related professionals. Visit MACPA's web site at www.michcpa.org.

About CMPS Institute: CMPS is a national training, examination, certification and ongoing membership program for financial professionals who provide mortgage and real estate equity advice. Recognized for its preeminence within the industry, the CMPS curriculum represents the core knowledge expected of residential mortgage advisors regardless of the diversity of specializations within the industry. Over 5,500 financial professionals have gone through the program since its launch in 2005. For more information or to find a certified professional near you, please visit www.CMPSInstitute.org or call 888.608.9800.

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