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### **AICPA ANNOUNCES REVISIONS TO CITP CREDENTIAL**

**Las Vegas, Nev. (June 15, 2009)** – The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants today announced revisions to the Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) credential at the AICPA Tech+ Conference in Las Vegas.

The CITP credential, launched in 2000, recognizes accounting professionals who combine IT expertise with the unique skill set of a CPA. As a result of the dramatic changes to the environment in which CPAs work since the credential was created, the AICPA is enhancing the strategic direction of the CITP credential. The revised credential will concentrate on information technology expertise relating to audit and attest services and financial data components, analysis and reporting. The holder of the revised credential represents a CPA who provides assurance to financial information or insight to business data, process or reporting.

“Information security management has been identified by AICPA’s Annual Top Technologies Survey as the most important issue affecting IT strategy for the last seven years in a row,” said Jim Bourke, AICPA CITP Credential Committee Chair. “CITPs are relied upon to effectively manage information while ensuring that data is kept secure.”

Requirements to obtain the CITP are being revised to include the following criteria:

- A valid unrevoked CPA license
- Five years of experience in the field of accounting
- Minimum of 1,000 hours experience in areas pertaining to the body of knowledge
- Minimum of 75 hours of education in areas pertaining to the body of knowledge
- Credit towards qualifying may be earned for holding certain related credentials

“Enhancements to the AICPA's CITP Credential Program recognize CPAs’ unique ability to provide business insight by leveraging knowledge of information relationships and supporting technologies,” said Steve Winters, director - specialized communities & practice management. “The enhanced risk management and information assurance components of the credential are of particular importance during times of financial uncertainty.”

Currently, 1,460 CPAs hold the CITP credential.

Visit [The CITP Homepage](#) for more information regarding the credential.

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The AICPA maintains offices in New York, Washington, D.C., Durham, N.C., Ewing, N.J., and Lewisville, Tex.

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