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U.S. and Canadian National Actuarial Associations to Co-Sponsor Series of Webinars

WASHINGTON and **OTTAWA**—The American Academy of Actuaries and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) were both founded in 1965 with similar founding purposes: to assure the profession-wide integrity of actuarial conduct and practice to millions of people in their respective countries who depend on actuarial expertise for the protections afforded by pensions, annuities, and insurance. Now, the Academy and the CIA are joining together to produce a series of webinars that will examine how they continue to meet the ongoing, critical public service and professionalism needs they were established to fulfill.

The two organizations have signed a memorandum of understanding to jointly sponsor a series of webinars covering topics such as the importance of professional objectivity, independence, and service to the public. The first webinar in the series will be held at noon Eastern Standard Time on Jan. 17, 2018. Registration is available on the CIA website.

The Academy, as the national association in the United States, and the CIA, as the national association in Canada, house their actuarial profession's respective standard-setting and discipline bodies. There have been several major collaborations between the organizations over the years, and this strategic partnership will further leverage synergies, strengthen and expand educational opportunities for their members, pool resources and ideas, and facilitate additional linkages between the two national actuarial associations.

"The Academy and the CIA have a special, historical bond. We have similar origins and continue our role as the national organizations that establish the basis for accreditation across all actuarial practice areas and serve as the voices of the actuarial profession to public policymakers," said Academy President Steve Alpert. "We're delighted to be working with the CIA to provide this series of webinars about our organizations' professionalism and public policy roles."

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As more joint webinars are announced, they will be posted on the Academy's calendar of events at <u>actuary.org</u>.

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The American Academy of Actuaries is a 19,000-member professional association whose mission is to serve the public and the U.S. actuarial profession. For more than 50 years, the Academy has assisted public policymakers on all levels by providing leadership, objective expertise, and actuarial advice on risk and financial security issues. The Academy also sets qualification, practice, and professionalism standards for actuaries in the United States.

The Canadian Institute of Actuaries is the national, bilingual organization and voice of the actuarial profession in Canada. Its members are dedicated to providing actuarial services and advice of the highest quality. The Institute holds the duty of the profession to the public above the needs of the profession and its members.