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"Business Financial Group adds new service auditing retirement plans" Co-founder becomes Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst®

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Business Financial Group, a San Antonio-based financial consulting firm, has expanded its services to begin auditing money managers, retirement plan trustees and foundations. The new service will help companies and donors assess how well investment advisors fulfill financial duties.

"Investment committees and plan trustees carry heavy legal and moral burdens because they oversee the management of assets," said Weirich, a co-founder of the firm who is also a Registered Health Underwriter, Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. "Our new audit and certification services are a way for employers, donors and plans to know whether these fiduciaries are following the best guidance and using prudent investment practices."

To prepare to offer this new service, Business Financial Group President Lynn Weirich earned the Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst® (AIFA) designation. The respected Center for Fiduciary Studies issues this designation to advisors who complete rigorous study of the best methods for auditing investment practices. Just 370 advisors worldwide hold this top industry designation.

Business Financial Group now can audit investment managers, trustees, stewards, financial advisors and fiduciary committees. In addition, Weirich can issue fiduciary certifications to companies and foundations that meet the highest standards in fiduciary practices – the industry's Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

AIFA designees are certified to review how a company

- created and implements the linchpin for all retirement plans, the Investment Policy Statement;
- manages investments according to federal and state laws, trust documents and written Investment Policy Statements;
- reviews, selects and monitors money managers, custodians and other plan service providers;
- makes sure asset classes and investment vehicles are appropriate for the portfolio size and implementation constraints;
- educates its retirement plan trustees and administrators;
- provides education and investment advice to employees and other plan participants;
- analyzes plan fees; and
- keeps records of fiduciary meetings and plan activities for audit purposes.

About Business Financial Group

Business Financial Group launched in January 1998 in San Antonio, Texas, and provides individual financial consulting, employee benefits services, business risk management consulting, and corporate retirement plan services to business owners, retirees and executives. The firm has 30 employees, who serve more than 3,700 corporate and individual clients in 22 states. They help clients develop financial strategies and steer a course to grow strong, profitable businesses; fulfill personal dreams; care for employees; and live a life filled with hope and significance. The financial consultants at Business Financial Group offer securities and advisory services through Commonwealth Financial Network, a member of FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. www.BusinessFinancialGroup.com