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U.S. Retirement Partners Acquires Texas 403(b) Firm

ISELIN, N.J., Jan. 3, 2010 – U.S. Retirement Partners announced today that it had acquired Advanced Financial Strategies (AFS), the first Texas firm that will be part of USRP’s national network of 403(b) benefits providers serving the K-12 teacher market.

AFS, with headquarters in Waco and headed by partners Glen Hancock and Dave Hodson, has 40 advisors and \$120 million assets under administration.

“Glen and Dave really have built a terrific business serving the 403(b) market throughout the state of Texas, and we are looking forward to their contributions to the USRP family of partners,” said Robert C. Dughi, USRP executive chairman.

AFS makes contact with teachers largely through retirement workshops and seminars. AFS works with teachers in about 300 school districts and has offices in Dallas, Waco, Austin, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Temple and Longview.

As part of USRP, the company will continue to operate under its own name while drawing on the marketing, distribution and technological capabilities of a national firm.

“We look forward to growing our business with the added tools that USRP will provide,” said Hancock. Added his partner, Hodson: “It is a good move at this time for us; we will keep our own identity but add the expertise of an independent national entity that is a unique leader in this marketplace.”

USRP, which is quickly becoming one of the largest company’s of its kind, now has purchased businesses in Florida, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina and Utah.

“With this acquisition we are adding a leading provider from a very large state, and our board of partners grows by two industry veterans with a combined 40 years of experience running a very successful 403(b) firm,” said Mark M. Skinner, president and CEO of USRP.

About U.S. Retirement Partners, Inc.

U.S. Retirement Partners, with headquarters in Iselin, N.J., was founded to give regional 403(b) firms the scale and capability of a large national firm to succeed in the K-12 marketplace. By joining USRP, Partners have the opportunity to further grow their businesses with the marketing, distribution and technological support offered by a large, independent, national firm. For more information please visit www.usretirementpartners.com.