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ORANGE COUNTY PROFESSIONAL TO KEYNOTE AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF. – Karen D. Conlon, president and chief executive of the California Association of Community Managers, will serve as the keynote speaker for the 2009 CEO/Head of Staff Symposium in Queensland, Australia, next month.

Scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 5, and Fri., Feb. 6, at the Sheraton Noosa Resort & Spa in Noosa, Queensland, the conference is being sponsored by Associations Forum Pty Ltd. and is designed for chief executive officers, executive officers, executive directors and general managers for not-for-profit organizations. The chief executives represent professional and industry associations, special cause groups and charities from around the world, with more than 100 executives expected to attend.

Conlon, who has served as president and chief executive of CACM since its establishment in 1991, is a nationally recognized speaker and expert in the association industry. At the Australian conference, she will speak on American associations and their tax structure, the impact of the global economy on associations, proper board size and committee structure for boards of directors, board accountability, and opportunities and optimism for the future.

A resident of Laguna Hills, Calif., Conlon is the author of numerous textbooks and articles about associations, and is an established expert on effective governance for boards of directors, strategic planning and organizational standards. Her background includes supervising the development and management of approximately 22,000 common interest development residential units for Shapell Industries Inc. Conlon also serves as an expert witness for community association industry issues.

In addition, she has received Resolutions from the California State Assembly and Senate for her efforts on training, education and certification programs for heightened professionalism in the community management and association industry.

Laguna Hills-based CACM is a statewide, not-for-profit organization serving the community association management industry. The association currently serves more than 2,600 professional managers and associates statewide. For more information about CACM and its programs, contact CACM directly at (949) 916-2226 from Southern California, 800-363-9771 from Northern California, or log onto www.CACM.org.

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