



## **Globally Recognized IS Audit Designation Reaches Major Milestone: ISACA Certifies the 75,000<sup>th</sup> CISA**

**Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (11 March 2010)**—The Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) credential, one of the globally recognized professional designations from ISACA, continues its growth at a record pace. ISACA, a nonprofit association of IT governance, security and assurance professionals, recently reached a milestone by certifying the 75,000<sup>th</sup> CISA.

Since its introduction in 1978, the CISA credential has become recognized and adopted worldwide as a symbol of excellence in information technology audit, control and security professionals. In fact, a survey of ISACA members revealed that 93 percent of CISAs value their certification, and 72 percent of CISAs believe that the CISA certification has helped advance their career. In addition, a 2010 study by Foote Partners LLC found CISA to be among top three certifications with the highest pay premiums in the security category, and an Information Security Media Group study found CISA to be among the top 10 sought-after certifications for 2010.

“The CISA certification is sought after because enterprises know that when they hire a CISA, they are getting a professional with quality skills, current expertise and dedication to their field,” said Howard Nicholson, CISA, CGEIT, chair of ISACA’s Credentialing Board. “The stringent requirements to achieve and maintain the CISA designation are determined by experienced, global IT leaders to ensure the utmost value of the certification to professionals and their organizations worldwide.”

CISA has earned accreditation from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the International Standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 for the past three years. This accreditation is a benchmark for global organizations that certify individuals worldwide.

The CISA exam is now offered in 12 languages and at more than 200 locations worldwide. The next exams will be held in June and December 2010.

ISACA also administers the Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification, established in 2002 and earned by more than 12,500 professionals since its inception; the Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT) certification, which has been earned by more than 4,000 professionals since it was established in 2007; and the new Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) certification.

Additional information on ISACA’s certifications is available at [www.isaca.org/certification](http://www.isaca.org/certification).

### **About ISACA**

With more than 86,000 constituents in more than 160 countries, ISACA® ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org)) is a leading global provider of knowledge, certifications, community, advocacy and education on information systems (IS) assurance and security, enterprise governance of IT, and IT-related risk and compliance. Founded in 1969, ISACA sponsors international conferences, publishes the *ISACA® Journal*, and develops international IS auditing and control standards. It also administers the globally respected Certified Information Systems Auditor™ (CISA®), Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®), Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT® (CGEIT®) and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control™ (CRISC™) designations.

ISACA offers the Business Model for Information Security (BMIS) and the IT Assurance Framework (ITAF). It also developed and maintains the COBIT®, Val IT™ and Risk IT frameworks, which help IT professionals and enterprise leaders fulfill their IT governance responsibilities and deliver value to the business.

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