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Financial Service Standards, LLC, to Offer 401k Service Training Program through Robert Morris University

Financial Service Standards, LLC (FSS), a Pittsburgh company devoted to identifying and raising the service standards of financial professionals, has teamed up with Robert Morris University's School of Adult and Continuing Education to offer a new course for financial professionals called The 401k Service Training Program. The first course will take place December 1st and 2nd at RMU's School of Adult and Continuing Education, located at 600 Fifth Avenue in Pittsburgh, with future courses occurring quarterly beginning in February 2006.

This Program was developed to help fill a need by plan sponsors and fiduciaries to address shortfalls in their service plan. Those professionals that complete the two-day course and pass a comprehensive final exam will be awarded a new designation, that of Professional Plan Consultant.

"This course provides professionals the knowledge to be able to identify service shortfalls as well as a complete set of tools to use with their clients to address all critical service issues faced by plan sponsors and fiduciaries," said Sharon Pivrotto, Vice-President of FSS. Financial Service Standards, LLC developed the curriculum for the course over the last eighteen months, drawing on thirty plus years of retirement plan service experience.

"Professionals that service the qualified retirement plan community have a unique set of service issues, often placing themselves in a co-fiduciary role on the plans they service," continued Pivrotto. "Having a comprehensive set of service tools to use in this role can greatly reduce their liability and is to the benefit of everyone involved— plan sponsors, advisor, administrators, etc."

For more information, visit www.401ktrainingtoolkit.com or the Robert Morris University website at www.rmu.edu.