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Fairfax, Virginia—The National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies (NAILBA) has announced that it will host the inaugural offering of LIMRA's Patriot Act certification program in conjunction with the Association's annual technology-specific showcase, FOCUS. The course will be conducted at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas on May 14, 2003.

The Patriot Act of 2001, created after the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, **requires anyone who sells insurance to earn this certification.** The certification's primary focus pertains to the identification of money laundering through the purchase of insurance products, a practice employed by terrorists and illegal drug distributors.

As the U.S. Treasury Department finalizes the rules and requirements relevant to the insurance industry, LIMRA continues its efforts to develop the corresponding course curriculum and certification exam. In the event that the Treasury Department's guidelines are not complete by May, LIMRA will provide attendees with free updates as they are made available. In addition, LIMRA will submit all required verification paperwork to the carriers with whom certification holders conduct business.

"NAILBA is proud to host the debut of LIMRA's Patriot Act certification program which serves to facilitate the insurance industry's compliance with the nation's anti-terrorism efforts. By participating in this course, insurance providers from all walks of life can be among the first to master the curriculum and achieve the required certification," shared Joseph Normandy, NAILBA's Executive Director.

The two-hour Patriot Act certification course is open to brokers, agents, CPAs, bankers and any individuals seeking certification. Registration information is available at www.nailba.org or by contacting Laurie Tritsch Hawes at 703-383-3081 or ltritschhawes@nailba.org.

The National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies (NAILBA) is a nonprofit trade association with 300 member agencies in the US and Canada, representing 100,000 producers who deliver more than one billion dollars in first-year life insurance premium annually. NAILBA is dedicated to fostering the growth of its member agencies by providing educational resources, industry standards and a collective voice for legislative and regulatory efforts. Each of NAILBA's members commits to a statement of responsibilities to ethically and responsibly serve their clients' best interests. For more information about NAILBA, visit www.nailba.org.