

New Roads, LA (November 1,2013) – The Pangburn Group today announced that it has successfully completed an American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) SSAE 16 (SOC 1) Type 2 examination conducted by NDB Accountants & Consultants, LLP. In doing so, The Pangburn Group establishes its adherence to one of the most stringent, industry-accepted auditing standards for service companies and provides additional assurance to its clients, through an independent auditor, that both its business process controls and information technology (IT) controls operate effectively.

The official audit report provides a thorough review of the implemented internal controls, policies, and processes used to administer The Pangburn Group's nonqualified executive benefit plans. It also reviews the entire IT infrastructure including the Systems Development Life Cycle (SDLC), change management, logical security, network security, physical & environmental security, and computer operations.

Brian E. Pangburn, Principal & CEO, commented, "The SSAE 16 Type II audit helps to assure our clients that we employ sound operational processes and controls in both our administrative servicing and technology development. In many cases, this audit of our controls will allow our clients to minimize their own auditing of our services, saving them both time and money."

About SSAE 16

Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 16, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization, was finalized by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) in January 2010. SSAE 16 effectively replaces SAS 70 as the authoritative guidance for reporting on service organizations. A SSAE 16 engagement allows a service organization to have its control policies and procedures evaluated and tested (in the case of a Type II engagement) by an independent party.

About The Pangburn Group

The Pangburn Group provides third party plan administration, software design services, and actuarial consulting to support nonqualified executive benefit plans. The Pangburn Group is a DBA comprised of The Pangburn Company, Inc., TPC Consulting, Inc., Pangburn Technology, LLC, and TPC Actuarial, LLC. The Pangburn Group is one of the few privately-owned, fee-for-service, nonqualified executive benefit plan third party administrators operating on a national basis. Client plans range from simple one-life split dollar plans in small closely-owned businesses to multi-hundred life defined contribution plans in Fortune 500 companies. The Pangburn Group combines experience with technology to bring state-of-the-art plan administration to its clients.

Additional Information

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