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### **StoneStreet Equity Earns 2011 DALBAR Certified ERISA 3(21) Adviser Award**

(Boston, MA, April 3, 2012) StoneStreet Equity, LLC has been certified by DALBAR, Inc. to be qualified as an ERISA 3(21) Adviser. This certification grants StoneStreet Equity the rights to use the designation of DALBAR Certified ERISA 3(21) Adviser and to disclose the accompanying credentials to the public and in particular to plan fiduciaries who are obligated to prudently select and monitor their advisers.

"The DALBAR Certification permits StoneStreet Equity to advertise our client ratings and simplifies the duties of a plan sponsor who engages us," said Heidi Sidley, managing director, adding "It is a real advantage to show potential clients the trust, financial performance, quality of service and advice provided to our existing clients."

To earn the certification, StoneStreet Equity underwent a due diligence process, consisting of a verification of qualifications and detailed disclosures, an extensive background check, an in-depth evaluation by clients and an assessment of the alignment of contract terms with services offered. This due diligence is consistent with the guidelines provided by the United States Department of Labor for advisers operating under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended [ERISA] Section 3(21) and associated regulations.

The documentation produced from the due diligence process provides plan fiduciaries with the basis for selecting and monitoring StoneStreet Equity as required by ERISA.

#### **About StoneStreet Equity, LLC**

At StoneStreet Equity, retirement plans are our entire business. We strive to be a trusted, respected advisor to plan sponsors, focusing on successful participant outcomes and enabling plan committees to understand all aspects of their duties. Our team averages 20 years in this business, and more than 90% have advanced degrees or industry certifications relevant to retirement plan consulting. We were named PLANSPPONSOR magazine's "Retirement Plan Adviser Team of the Year" in 2008 (based on current service levels and feedback from plan sponsor clients) and were inducted into the Plan Adviser Hall of Fame in 2011. We have a degree of expertise and insight difficult to match. StoneStreet Equity is an independent firm powered by LPL Financial, one of the nation's largest independent broker/dealers (as reported by Financial Planning magazine, June 1996-2011, based on total revenue). LPL Financial helps us serve our clients better, providing access to cutting edge resources in technology, client services, reporting and financial research. Through LPL Financial, we access actionable, unbiased investment research that supports our clients' goals.



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