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The Leading Anti-Money Laundering Association has successfully Launched Its Initial Event in Houston, Texas:

Houston, TX, May 31st of 2012 – May 31, 2012 marked a successful event for the Association of the Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) new Houston Chapter. The Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Chapter launch program opened at 6pm in the Houston Crowne Plaza Hotel, located just Northwest of Houston, Texas. With over 75 Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist attendees, the conference room welcomed the Special Agent guest speaker from the Department of Homeland Security. The agent's presentation focused primarily on 'Human Trafficking'. Attendees were able to mingle with the Executive Board Members and the Special Agents after the presentation.

"ACAMS is committed to the development of chapters as a prime source of providing the AML community with access to peers who can share expertise in this challenging area," said John J. Byrne, ACAMS Executive Vice-President. "We are particularly excited about the Houston Chapter because of the vast array of private and public sector, dedicated AML professionals in the area. The chapter board is on the leading edge of AML issues and is committed to assisting compliance officers, consultants and government officials."

The ACAMS Houston Chapter is the local connection to Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, the world's most prestigious association for anti-money laundering professionals. The chapter was created to increase awareness of best practices in AML prevention and to offer members an open forum to exchange ideas with local law enforcement and industry professionals. Through networking and educational events, the chapter strives to create a local community of professionals who share the common passion of preventing money laundering and terrorist financing, as well as creating a support network for ACAMS members seeking to earn the Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (CAMS) designation.

The ACAMS Houston Chapter Executive Board is comprised of 9 active Board Members; Lauren Sparks, Armando Linares III, Bruce Owdley, Joann Alicea, Sylvia Gonzalez, Linda Ly, Sergio Donis, David Kehr and Shanna Ogundiran. Each Board member has an extensive AML Compliance background, whether it may be in consulting, money service or financial institutions industries or in law enforcement in the Houston area.

To get involved, please contact us at houston.acams.chp@gmail.com or reach out to any of the board members directly.

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