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Spencer Educational Foundation Debuts Redesigned Website and Networking Tools

NEW YORK (July 27, 2009) — Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. today unveiled its new website, www.spencerred.org. The newly designed site provides professional networking opportunities for students studying risk management and insurance, and offers a convenient way for students to interact with risk practitioners. On the site, users can create and manage profiles, form special interest groups, participate in online discussions, explore scholarship and grant programs, learn about upcoming events and make a donation.



“Younger risk professionals are using sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter to network, so updating Spencer Educational Foundation’s website to offer professional networking technologies was a natural fit,” says Donna L. Galer, chairwoman of Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. “The new website will also help the Foundation engage with scholarship recipients and risk practitioners throughout their careers.”

Other features of the re-launched website include:

- easy access to information about the Foundation’s programs;
- the Foundation’s events calendar;
- an improved online payment system for contributors; and,
- a link to the Foundation Community (eGroups, Member Directory and Resource Library).

Since 1980, the Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships to students pursuing degrees in the risk management discipline and \$2.2 million in grants to universities offering programs in risk management and insurance. In 2009, Spencer Educational Foundation awarded \$180,000 in scholarships and more than \$210,000 in grants. For more information or to make a donation to Spencer Educational Foundation, visit www.spencerred.org.

About Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc.

Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. stimulates, promotes and encourages promising undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students of risk management disciplines in fulfilling their educational goals by providing scholarship awards and educational grants. Established in 1979 to honor the late Robert S. Spencer, the Foundation is administered by its Board of Directors and is affiliated with the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) in New York. For more information, visit www.spencerred.org.

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