

August 31, 2011 – Carla Irwin and Associates, Inc. a leading affirmative action consulting firm, and Thomas Econometrics, a leading provider of analysis and expert witness services for risk assessment, litigation and regulatory compliance, announced today that they will co-host a series of webinars to help HR practitioners, Affirmative Action specialists and inhouse counsel understand the practical implications of regulatory changes to affirmative action guidelines. The series will kick off on September 14, 2011 at 1:00 PM Eastern. Webinar participation is free and open to all but <u>advanced</u> registration is required.

The first webinar will focus on preparing the necessary hiring data for an Affirmative Action Plan. An overview of the various kinds of data required will be followed by a discussion of how and why missing hiring data can render a data set useless for analysis purposes. Simple techniques for scrubbing hiring data

and identifying data gaps will be presented. The webinar will conclude with a summary of common tools used to validate hiring data.

The webinar series will consist of bi-monthly presentations on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM Eastern. Future webinar topics include discussions of promotion, termination, applicant flow, workforce snapshot and compensation data and how to prepare and produce this data in accordance with the OFCCP Scheduling Letter.

About Carla Irwin & Associates, Inc.:

Carla Irwin & Associates, Inc. specializes in Affirmative Action strategy, AAP development, implementation, training and audit support. Our team reviews all aspects of the business environment to provide a customized solution for compliance. We supplement our clients' human resources functions with our own in-depth AAP knowledge and expert systems.

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About Thomas Econometrics:

Thomas Econometrics is a recognized leader in statistical and economic consulting. We provide analyses and expert witness services for risk assessment, litigation and regulatory compliance.

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