

H&R Block and ACORN Media Conference Call Notice

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 12, 2005--H&R Block (NYSE:HRB):

What: Media conference call -- H&R Block and ACORN will be announcing 2005 key programs and provide a partnership update

When: Conference Call, January 13 (Thursday), 1:00-1:30 p.m. EST

Press release distribution prior to call: Jan. 13,

10:00 a.m. EST

Conference

Dial-in: 1-877-610-5008

Optional RSVP(a): 1-800-362-9317

(a) Reservation not required for call, but greatly appreciated

Who: Johnny Clark and Jordan Ash with ACORN and Murray Walton with H&R Block will be available to answer questions about the 2005 programs

To email questions in advance, send to jsmiley@hrblock.com.

Background

In June 2004, H&R Block and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) aligned to create and execute programs designed to maximize tax refunds and promote low-cost filing options for consumers seeking to get their money faster.

The three-year alliance will focus on increasing awareness of tax credits and government benefit programs among low-income taxpayers. H&R Block will provide tax and financial expertise and funding to develop educational materials, and ACORN will implement programs using those materials in select communities via its local chapters.

The announcement tomorrow will focus on the launch of an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) grassroots campaign, and enhancements to disclosures on the cost and speed of refund options.

About ACORN

The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, with over 150,000 member families organized into 750 neighborhood chapters in 65 cities across the country. Since 1970 ACORN has taken action and won victories on issues of concern to its members. Priorities include better housing for first time homebuyers and tenants, living wages for low-wage workers, more investment in communities from banks and governments, and better public schools. ACORN achieves these goals by building community organizations that have the power to win changes through direct action, negotiation, legislation, and voter participation.

About H&R Block

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