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## **Innovative School Business Officials Honored with ASBO Pinnacle Awards**

RESTON, VA —June 6, 2011— To honor the creative and dedicated professionals who serve in school business management, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recently announced the recipients of the 2011 Pinnacle Awards.

This year's Pinnacle of Excellence Award is bestowed on Cathy M. Antee, CPA, SFO<sup>®</sup>, chief financial officer for the Hoover City Board of Education in Alabama, for her project, "Integrated Online Registration and Payment System." Antee will receive \$5,000, Virco furniture for her school system valued at \$5,000, an all-expenses-paid trip to the ASBO International Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington, and a crystal Pinnacle award.

Congratulations to the 2011 Pinnacle of Achievement Award winners, each of whom will receive \$1,000 and a crystal Pinnacle award:

- Deborah Frazier, CPA, SFO<sup>®</sup>, assistant superintendent of finance for the Madison County Board of Education, Richmond, Kentucky, for "Leveraging Leadership: Bridging the Gap Between Classified Employees and the Students They Serve"
- Derek J. Jess, RSBA, school business administrator and board secretary for the Perth Amboy Board of Education, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, for "Free Breakfast for All"
- Tom Kurucz, Ed.D., deputy superintendent of operations for Lee's Summit R-7 School District in Lee's Summit, Missouri, for "Implementation of an All-Electric Distribution Fleet"

Sponsored by Virco, ASBO International's Pinnacle Awards are presented annually to four school business administrators who have created outstanding and innovative practices to improve the efficiency of schools and contribute to the growth of the school business management profession. From exhibiting exemplary communications skills to building community outreach, the work of these school business officials also makes a difference for students.

Virco is America's leading furniture and equipment manufacturer and supplier for the K-12 market, providing thousands of customers with popular furniture items. Virco's industry-leading resource recovery and recycling program has been honored repeatedly by local, state, and national organizations, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**ASBO International**, founded in 1910, is a professional organization that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources.

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