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NIPR PRESENTED ACORD RAINMAKER AWARD

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (Nov. 4, 2011) — During a special awards ceremony yesterday, the [National Insurance Producer Registry](http://www.naic.org) (NIPR) received the ACORD Rainmaker Award. Executive Director Maryellen Waggoner accepted the award from ACORD President & CEO Gregory A. Maciag on behalf of NIPR.

"This recognition reflects many years of combined effort to advance and streamline the producer licensing process in partnership with ACORD," said Waggoner. "Easier access and the universal platform ACORD has assisted us in designing has brought producer licensing to a new and more agent- and state-friendly level. We value this relationship and look forward to continued progress in the standardization of licensing transaction processing."

"I'm happy to present this special award to NIPR in recognition of their advances in insurance data standardization. It's just about two years ago that ACORD and NIPR officially began working together to standardize messages submitting licensing data to NIPR. Since then, we've had many successes and hit major milestones together. These collaborative efforts between organizations, memberships, and individuals show how state insurance regulatory systems and industry standardized systems can work together and benefit everyone," said Maciag.

The ACORD Rainmaker Award is a special honor presented to organizations and individuals that have shown outstanding achievements in the advancement of standards for the insurance industry. Previous recipients of this award include Jim Kellner, President & CEO of Applied Systems, Jeff Yates, Executive Director of ACT, and China Life Ltd.

ACORD (Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development) is a global, nonprofit standards development organization serving the insurance industry and related financial services industries. Its mission is to facilitate the development of open consensus data standards and standard forms.

About NIPR

Incorporated in October 1996, the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) is a non-profit affiliate of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). NIPR developed and implemented the Producer Database (PDB) and Electronic Appointments/Terminations. NIPR is governed by a board of directors that includes seven members representing the NAIC and six industry members representing a cross-section of the insurance industry. For more information, visit www.NIPR.com.

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