



NORTH AMERICAN MEAT PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION

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NAMP Hires Agriculture Industry Executive Philip Kimball as Executive Director



(Reston, VA, January 24, 2007) — The North American Meat Processors Association (NAMP) announces that Philip Kimball, CAE, MBA, has accepted the position of Executive Director and will begin his tenure with the Association effective January 29.

Kimball is a former Executive Director of the National Renderers Association. More recently, Kimball was the Executive Director of the National Dry Bean Council, where he led industry relations with Congress, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other regulatory bodies. He managed policy-making, strategic planning, and communication with disparate stakeholder groups. He is also the founder and former CEO of Kimball and Associates, Inc., an association management firm he lead for 10 years, prior to which he worked for Smith, Bucklin & Associates, an association management company.

Kimball, who earned his MBA at the University of Virginia, is also a Certified Association Executive (CAE), the highest credential in the association management profession. He brings to NAMP many years of expertise in government relations, member services, public relations, convention management for growth and education, board development and financial management.

“Philip Kimball’s strong background in a variety of areas in the field of agriculture and ag-related organizations, along with his vast association management experience, uniquely qualify him to become NAMP’s new Executive Director. We look forward to Philip spearheading the strategic goals NAMP has outlined for the benefit of the industry.” said NAMP President Brent Cator.

As Executive Director, Kimball will direct all activities of NAMP and ensure that the goals and objectives of the Association are met. He will work directly under the guidance of the Association’s Board of Directors.

NAMP’s Vision is to be better known as the premier member-driven Association of small- to medium-sized North American meat processing and distribution businesses. Members will be more profitable by sharing their experience for the betterment of each other and the industry.

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The North American Meat Processors Association (NAMP), founded in 1942, is an international nonprofit trade association dedicated to meat processing organizations that provide customers with reliable and safe meat, poultry, seafood, game and other products. A member-driven organization, NAMP offers both services and educational programs designed to help members achieve business success.