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American Translators Association Hosts Largest Gathering of Translators and Interpreters in the World

Surging Industry Continues to Drive Increasing Job Growth

(Boston) The American Translators Association (ATA), the largest association of translators and interpreters in North America, will roll out its 52nd Anniversary Conference at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Tuesday October 27th – Saturday October 30st, 2009. Over 1,800 translators and interpreters will converge on Boston from over 45 different countries for four days of exhibits, receptions, training sessions and award ceremonies. It will be the first ATA conference in Boston in 40 years.

“This industry has turned out to be a powerhouse of job growth, even in this economy,” noted Dorothee Racette, ATA President. “The language services industry in the U.S. is a \$15 billion market and continues to be one of the few industries growing at 13% a year even with widespread corporate belt-tightening and anemic job growth.”

US News is the latest national publication to joint Inc. magazine and Parade in identifying translation and interpreting as a “Top Job” with strong future growth potential.

“The annual conference provides a special opportunity for translators and interpreters from around the world to come together in one location to participate in a wide range of activities,” said Kevin Hendzel, media spokesman. “The conference offers 150 educational sessions alone, on such topics as “Translating United Nations Documents into Chinese,” “The Art and Science of Diplomatic Translation for the State Department” and “Sound Science: Sanskrit’s Amazing Alphabet.”

About ATA

Founded in 1959, the American Translators Association is the largest organization for translators and interpreters in North America. Its primary goals include fostering and supporting the professional development of translators and interpreters and promoting the translation and interpreting professions. Based in Alexandria, Virginia, ATA currently has over 11,000 members working, with proven skill, in hundreds of languages worldwide. To learn more, visit www.atanet.org or call 703-683-6100.