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2009 Retirement Confidence Survey
To Be Released Tuesday, April 14

Americans’ confidence in being able to afford a comfortable retirement continued to plummet this year. Where does their confidence stand now? What is behind the numbers? Have workers postponed leaving their jobs to improve their retirement prospects? Are some groups affected more than others?

On Tuesday, April 14, the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) and Mathew Greenwald & Associates, Inc., will release the results of the 2009 Retirement Confidence Survey (RCS), the country’s longest-running and most comprehensive study of the attitudes and behavior of American workers and retirees toward all aspects of saving, retirement planning, and long-term financial security. This is the 19th annual RCS.

The survey contains a core set of questions that are asked annually, allowing key attitudes and self-reported behavior patterns to be tracked over time. It also strives to be timely by covering issues that are of current interest to policymakers, including, this year, questions about the role that health care plays in retirement.

WHAT: Media briefing on the results of the 2009 Retirement Confidence Survey (RCS).

WHEN: 11:00–11:30 a.m. EDT, Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

WHERE: EBRI, 1100 13th St. NW, 8th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC.

PRESENTERS: Jack VanDerhei, EBRI research director, and Mathew Greenwald, Greenwald & Associates president.

HOW: Reporters may attend in person OR they may participate by conference call.

If you prefer to cover this by conference call:
- Please RSVP by e-mail by noon Monday, April 13, 2009, to macdonald@ebri.org
- To participate in the call:
  - Phone Number: 866-962-6634
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