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## U.S. Treasury Program Offered to Foundation and Institutional Community

*Ray Mitchell to Bring Investment Program to New Markets*

**Washington, DC—September 6, 2002**—The Lara Group, Ltd. has entered into an agreement with Mr. Ray Mitchell to offer the firm's U.S. Treasury Bond Management Program to foundation and institutional investment plans. This new partnership will expand the reach of the Program.

Since 1994, the Program has produced a 12 % average annual return, net of fees as of 6/30/02. This high performance is unique because only U.S. Treasury securities are used. U.S. Treasuries are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, and are considered one of the world's safest investments.

Mr. Mitchell is well known among the institutional pension community. He is a frequent speaker at public fund conferences and served on the Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado for 13 years. "I researched for a product to market that fit today's environment. The U.S. Treasury Bond Management Program is an effective program for capital preservation and is a good product." stated Mr. Mitchell.

The strong performance history and unique strategy of the Program has attracted the attention of investors and advisors throughout the United States. Mr. Mitchell will market and secure Asset Management Agreements on behalf of The Lara Group for separate account management.

"Ray is a talented and accomplished individual. He's worked with public and non-profit organizations for years. He knows what type of investment programs are appropriate and what these organizations need." said Ron Lara CFP, portfolio manager for The Lara Group.

### **About The Lara Group**

The Lara Group is an independent investment management firm specializing in U.S. Treasury Securities. The Firm offers professional investment management services for institutional and private investors. For more information visit [www.Lara-Group.com](http://www.Lara-Group.com).

### **About Ray Mitchell**

Ray Mitchell is the principal owner of RIM Unlimited Inc., a management consulting firm specializing in domestic and international consulting. Mr. Mitchell, appointed by Governor Owens, served as a trustee on the Board for the Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado. He is the author of "A Step by Step Guide to Business Planning," used by the Colorado Office of Business Development. Mr. Mitchell is also an assistant professor at Regis University and holds an M.B.A. in finance and accounting.