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The 2019 Accounting MOVE Project will delve into the perceptions and misperceptions that women and firms have about how and why women pursue partnership and other senior leadership positions. The report will also outline tactics that women, advocates for women, and firm leaders can take to ensure that all women CPAs can fully achieve their aspirations for their careers and drive firm growth in the process.

Firms of all sizes are invited and encouraged to participate. Registration is open at www.wilson-taylorassoc.com through December 19, 2018. In addition to reporting findings from this survey, the MOVE Project will produce the 2019 list of the top public accounting firms for women and top equity leadership firms.

"As we interview women every year for the Accounting MOVE Project, we hear often

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us better understand their experience and influence critical turning points in their career. It's critical women know we believe in them, will invest in them, and be their advocate," said Jennifer Wyne, executive director of human resources for Moss Adams LLP, founding sponsor of the Accounting MOVE Project.

"For women, navigating the path to partner is frequently not as linear and is often times more complex than it is for men," said Risa Lavine, Principal and chief of staff at CohnReznick. "One of the main objectives of our gender diversity strategy, WomenCAN, is to continuously enhance our understanding of ways to better support women's career advancement – we are seeing the payoff in our pipeline and in the profile of our partnership." CohnReznick is the national sponsor of the Accounting MOVE Project.

An executive summary of the 2019 Accounting MOVE Project will be published in the May 2019 issue of *Public Accounting Report*, with the full report available at the websites of MOVE association partner, the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance.

"Women invest in accounting careers with the expectation of reaping a return over a lifetime career," said Cindy Stanley, executive director for the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA), the association partner for the Accounting MOVE Project. "The 2019 Accounting MOVE Project will outline fresh ways that women can achieve their goals even as they lead innovation and growth at their firms."

The MOVE Project is supported by founding sponsor Moss Adams LLP, national sponsor CohnReznick, and administrative fees from participating firms. Registration for the Accounting MOVE Project will be open through December 19, 2018.

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