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## **FCUL Service Group enters partnership with *Accel* for products to assist credit union members**

Tallahassee, FL –The FCUL Service Group, Inc., has signed a partnership agreement with *Accel* Members Financial Management to deliver a comprehensive financial counseling program that will provide assistance for credit unions trying to help their members resolve financial distress. *Accel* Members Financial Counseling is a financial education and counseling program specifically designed for credit unions.

The FCUL Service Group, Inc., agreed to partner with *Accel* Members Financial Management to provide credit unions with this program to help curb losses credit unions have incurred as members run into financial difficulties.

“*Accel* is a program that emphasizes proactive education as a value added benefit of credit union membership,” said Jeff Jorissen, director of sales for *Accel*.

Some of the services provided by *Accel* include: personal and family budgeting, credit reports and reviews, setting and achieving financial goals, personal money management, and information on avoiding bankruptcy, foreclosure and repossession. *Accel* will provide seminars around the state to credit union members whose credit unions sign up for the service.

“The FCUL Service Group, Inc. is extremely excited about our partnership with *Accel*,” said Marvin Garland, Chief Operating Officer. “The goal of credit unions is to help people improve their lives through better management of their financial resources.”

Consumer debt has escalated to an all-time high, reaching \$1.8 trillion. Bankruptcies have risen to the point that legislation is now pending in the U.S. Congress to alter the rules of bankruptcy. Garland feels that by offering this service to credit unions, members may find alternative solutions to contemplate rather than bankruptcy.

“In the long run, the credit unions benefit by reducing the number of members in difficulty and the members benefit by finding solutions to help them bring more productivity in their financial lives,” said Garland.

*(The FCUL Service Group, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Florida Credit Union League. The mission of the FCUL Service Group, Inc. is to develop, market, and provide for-*

*profit products and services to credit unions in and out of Florida. From adding new products to improving existing products, FCUL Service Group, Inc. is committed to developing and providing the most cost-effective and cutting-edge products and support services that benefit credit unions and position them to be competitive in today's fluid market.)*