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WT Cox Information Services Partners with Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) to Provide Libraries the Cost Of Living Index (COLI)

Shallotte, NC – February 18, 2013 – WT Cox Information Services announces its partnership with the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), a membership organization that promotes excellence in community and economic research by working to improve data availability, enhance data quality, and to foster learning about regional economic analytic methods.

The Cost of Living Index, published by The Council for Community and Economic Research is now available to WT Cox library customers. This web-based, library application is updated quarterly and provides historical data dating back to 1990. Library patrons can research and download reports of cost of living statistics from over 300 cities across the United States with comparisons on over 60 goods and services. Data is collected by 400 independent researchers and reviewed by an Advisory Board composed of academic researchers and government officials.

WT Cox current and prospective customers can access a demo and free trial of the Cost of Living Index application through the WT Cox Information Services website at www.wtcox.com.

“The Council for Community and Economic Research feels this partnership will be of particular interest to public and academic libraries, as it allows them to offer patrons a cost-effective research tool, providing useful data whether it is facilitated by personal, educational or corporate research,” said Dean Frutiger, Cost of Living Index Project Manager.

“We are excited at the opportunity to partner with C2ER. The Cost of Living Index database is another added service that we are proud to provide to our customers”, said Michael Markwith, Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

Visit www.wtcox.com/COLI.cfm to request a trial and preview of the library edition of the Cost of Living Index application.

About WT Cox Information Services

Founded in 1974, WT Cox is a full-service serials and information services provider, serving academic, corporate, special, government, school and public libraries nationwide. WT Cox offers a portfolio of services that include electronic and print subscription access, eBooks, an ERM solution, discovery tool,

online serials management tools, personalized services, transitions coordinators and free service proposals. <http://www.wtcox.com>

About The Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER)

C2ER is a nonprofit professional organization comprising research staff of chambers of commerce, economic development organizations and agencies, and related organizations throughout the United States and Canada. In its dedication to improving business information through research, C2ER developed the *Cost of Living Index* to meet the need for a measure of living cost differentials among urban areas. Originally titled *Inter-City Cost of Living Indicators Project*, the *Cost of Living Index* has been published quarterly since 1968. The *Cost of Living Index* is based on nearly 100,000 data points gathered primarily by C2ER members located in 400 cities. <http://www.coli.org/>

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