## Encore Capital Renews Commitment to Financial Literacy as a National Partner of Jump\$tart

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## Encore has supported the nonprofit coalition and original promoter of April as Financial Literacy Month since 2014

SAN DIEGO, April 14, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Encore Capital Group, Inc. (NASDAQ:ECPG), an international specialty finance company, announced it has renewed its commitment to financial literacy as a national partner with <a href="Jump\$tart Coalition">Jump\$tart Coalition</a> for Personal Financial Literacy. Jump\$tart is a Washington, DC-based not-for-profit organization that seeks to improve the personal financial literacy of students in pre-kindergarten through college. Encore Capital Group joined Jump\$tart as a national partner in 2014.

"Jump\$tart is a perfect partnership for Encore's Global Corporate Social Responsibility Program, which is committed to supporting economic empowerment through education," said Sheryl Wright, Encore Capital Group's Senior Vice President of External Affairs, "Every child should have a strong foundation of financial knowledge so that they can understand and manage economic responsibilities as an adult. We are thrilled to support Jump\$tart in their efforts to prepare students for life-long financial success."

Encore Capital Group is an international specialty finance company that partners with US and international consumers to repay delinquent debt. The company's success is fueled by its demonstrated commitment to supporting consumers' financial recovery and community engagement. In 2011, the company unveiled the industry's first and only Consumer Bill of Rights, which codifies its commitment to respectful consumer treatment and was recently expanded to strengthen consumer protections. Encore also supports a global Corporate Social Responsibility program, which seeks to provide economic empowerment to consumers and communities through education, job training and basic support services. Encore supports volunteerism through its Corporate Social Responsibility program and the company will engage with Jump\$tart through community events in addition to its national partnership support.

## **About Jump\$tart**

The Jump\$tart Coalition is a Washington, DC-based not-for-profit organization that seeks to improve the personal financial literacy of students in pre-kindergarten through college. Jump\$tart's nearly 150 national partners and 51 affiliated state coalitions work individually and collectively to educate and prepare our nation's youth for life-long financial success. Jump\$tart is the original promoter of April as Financial Literacy Month and publisher of the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education. For more information about the Jump\$tart Coalition, go to <a href="http://www.jumpstart.org/">http://www.jumpstart.org/</a> or follow us on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="mailto:Twitter">Twitter</a> @NatlJumpstart. Please visit our website for more <a href="information about April">information about April</a> — Financial Literacy Month.

## **About Encore Capital Group, Inc.**

Encore Capital Group is an international specialty finance company that provides debt recovery solutions for consumers across a broad range of assets. Through its subsidiaries around the globe, Encore purchases portfolios of consumer receivables from major banks, credit unions, and utility providers.

Encore partners with individuals as they repay their debt obligations, helping them on the road to financial recovery and ultimately improving their economic well-being. Encore is the first and only company of its kind to operate with a Consumer Bill of Rights that provides industry-leading commitments to consumers. Headquartered in San Diego, Encore is a publicly traded NASDAQ Global Select company (ticker symbol: ECPG) and a component stock of the Russell 2000, the S&P Small Cap 600 and the Wilshire 4500. More information about the company can be found at <a href="http://www.encorecapital.com">http://www.encorecapital.com</a>. More information about the Company's Cabot Credit Management subsidiary can be found at <a href="http://www.cabotcm.com">http://www.cabotcm.com</a>. Information found on the company's or Cabot's website is not incorporated by reference.

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