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MEDIA ADVISORY

Northwest's Top Financial Advisor to Hold Annual Municipal Finance Conference

"Navigating a Challenging Economy"

SNW (Seattle-Northwest Securities Corp.), the Northwest's leading investment banking firm, is holding its 7th Annual SNW Municipal Finance Conference on Thursday, March 12 2009.

Topics of discussion include the following:

- Energy Efficiency and Construction Projects
- Financial Management
- Credit Implications
- DC's Impact on Washington State

Guest speakers include Dick Thompson, Special Advisor to Governor Gregoire on the federal stimulus package, Washington State Secretary of Transportation Paula Hammond, and Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Director, Bob Drewel.

WHAT

7th Annual SNW Municipal Finance Conference

This informational conference was created to serve Washington State municipalities and agencies. This year's conference will focus on the challenges municipalities face during times of economic recession. *During lunch, four political experts will discuss our current political climate with Public Finance Director, Richard Schober. More information about the conference is available at www.snwsc.com.*

WHO

- Richard Schober, Director Public Finance, SNW
- Bob Drewel, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council
- Mike Locke, Director of Energy Services, McKinstry
- Maria Barrientos, Barrientos Real Estate Development and Project Management Services
- Penny Bartely, CJM, Manager - Staff and Auxiliary Services Divisions, Renton Police Dept.
- Amy S. Doppelt, Managing Director, Fitch
- Gabe Petek, Director, Credit Market Services, S&P
- Nicole Johnson, Senior Vice President, Moody's
- Sharmila Swenson, District Director, Office of U.S. Representative Jay Inslee
- Paula Hammond, Secretary of Transportation, Washington State
- Dick Thompson, Special Advisor to Governor Gregoire
- Blair Butterworth, Political Consultant, Blair Butterworth and Associates
- Tony Williams, Founding partner of Washington 2 Advocates

- Cathy Allen, President and CEO, Connections Group
- Todd Myers, Principal, Myers Communications

WHEN

Thursday, March 12, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE

Bell Harbor International Conference Center
Pier 66
2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle

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About SNW (Seattle-Northwest Securities Corp.)

SNW was founded in 1970 as a broker-dealer committed to the communities of the Northwest. The firm specializes in investment banking, tax-exempt underwriting and sales, trading and sales of taxable securities, and fixed-income asset management. SNW has the largest trading desk in the Northwest, trading roughly \$300 million in bonds daily. With offices in Seattle, Portland, Boise and Salt Lake City, SNW is committed to meeting the investment and financial needs of institutions, corporations, municipalities, agencies and individuals throughout the Northwest. More information about SNW is available at www.snwsc.com.