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2006 Idaho Conference on Housing

Idaho Department of Finance Offers Insight and Information to Mortgage Industry and Conference Attendees

Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance announces his Department's participation as a co-sponsor at the **"2006 Idaho Conference on Housing"** scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise, Idaho. The Idaho Conference on Housing entitled **"The Road Home"** is the State's largest and most comprehensive housing conference that will encompass important issues facing affordable housing in Idaho and around the nation.

"The future of affordable housing in Idaho touches everyone," states Gavin Gee. "This event will be invaluable to anyone interested in Idaho's housing market. It will be an excellent opportunity for housing representatives, private and public industry, as well as the general public to discuss Idaho housing issues and listen to experts in the field of economics and housing."

The Department of Finance will sponsor an education booth at the Conference. Department staff will be on hand to provide private industry attendees with information about the upcoming multi-state mortgage licensing system, mortgage broker continuing education credits, and recent changes in licensing requirements for the mortgage industry. In addition, all attendees can obtain a variety of informational brochures on home mortgage loans and other valuable topics related to housing finance.

Speakers at the two-day Conference will include keynote speaker Brian Wesbury, national economist, as well as Orlando Cabrera, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Urban Development, Barbara Thompson, Executive Director, National Council of State Housing Agencies and David Crowe, Senior Staff Vice President for Regulatory and Housing Policy, National Association of Home Builders. In addition, the conference will provide informative workshops on a variety of housing issues. Workshop speakers will include, among others, Boise Mayor Dave Bieter, Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase and Caldwell Mayor

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Garret Nancolas. The Conference will conclude with a wrap-up session conducted by Gerald Hunter, President and Executive Director of Idaho Housing and Finance.

Main sponsors of the Conference include the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) as well as Fannie Mae, Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, and Lehman Brothers, in addition to two dozen other corporate and conference sponsors.

Registration for the 2006 Idaho Conference is available at the conference website: www.housingconf.com - click the "Registration" link. The website provides a secure link for registration and a complete conference agenda. For information regarding registration or sponsorship contact IHFA's Public Affairs Department at (208) 331-4884.

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