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### **FDIC to Provide More Insurance Coverage for Bank Deposits**

#### *"Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program" Part of Sweeping Financial System Plan*

Boise, Idaho .... The federal government today announced an unprecedented plan to restore confidence in the country's financial system. Among the key elements of the plan is an extension of deposit insurance to all non-interest bearing transaction accounts, regardless of the dollar amount, until December 31, 2009. These accounts are typically where businesses keep money to cover upcoming expenses like payroll, and may frequently exceed the current maximum insurance limit of \$250,000. "In announcing the program, the FDIC emphasized that the bulk of the U.S. banking industry is healthy and remains well-capitalized," said Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance. "That's certainly true in Idaho. We're fortunate that Idaho's financial institutions have remained generally strong and steady through the nation's economic turmoil, outperforming institutions nationwide in a number of key areas."

The Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program will also guarantee new senior unsecured debt issued by banks, thrifts and certain holding companies before June 30, 2009. The program is directed toward freeing up funding for banks to make loans to creditworthy businesses and consumers, and to bolstering public confidence in banks.

The program, which is voluntary, will be funded through special industry fees – not taxpayer funding. All FDIC-insured institutions will be covered under the program for the first 30 days without cost. After that period, institutions wishing to no longer participate must opt out or be assessed for future participation. If an institution opts out, the guarantees are good only for the first 30 days.

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