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IGFOA Hot Topic Conference

March 25, 2010

NIU Naperville, 1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois

AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00 AM Continental Breakfast, Registration and Networking

10:00– 11:00 AM **Workforce Development Challenges and Opportunities**

Diana L. Robinson, Assistant Director, Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University

11:00 – 11:20 AM **mid morning networking**

11:20 – 12:00 PM **Investing in the Current Environment**

Focus on the various investment options that should provide safety, liquidity, and yield in the current economy. Find out about the benefits of investing in intergovernmental pools, fixed investments, and other strategies for success such as understanding how the debt market is affected by the current investment market.

Panelists: Laura Allen, IMET, Linda Ciaglia, First Trust Portfolios, and Traci Pleckham, Village of Plainfield

Noon – 1 PM **Conference luncheon**

1:15 – 2:30 PM **Budgeting and financial planning - what's up around the state**

Exchange information and approaches with fellow budget balancers while exploring tactics the panelists are using to make ends meet. Discuss how to keep pace with the constant stream of obstacles to structural balance and the impact the State's fiscal challenges are having on local government.

Panel discussion led by Stan Helgerson, Finance Director, Village of Carol Stream with Kim Auchstetter, Village of New Lenox, Chris Minick, City of St. Charles and David Richardson, Village of Streamwood

2:30-2:45 PM **mid afternoon networking**

2:45 – 3:45 PM **Opportunities under the Stimulus Program**

The massive federal stimulus law (ARRA) created a number of changes that impact not only the economy but local governments as well. What are the provisions that impact localities and capital financing? How are communities using stimulus programs?

Speakers: Tim McGree and Brent Feller, Chapman and Cutler and Philip McKenna, Kane, McKenna and Associates Inc.

3:45- 4:45 PM **Key Legal Issues in Staff Reductions**

Learn how to structure furloughs, reorganizations, voluntary reductions, layoffs, early retirements and other staff reductions to avoid legal conundrums down the road.

Panelists: Ivan Schraeder, Lowenbaum Partnership, LLC, David Cook, Village of Hinsdale, and Chris Minick, City of St. Charles

4:45 – 6:00 PM **Networking reception**

Avoid rush hour, discuss the day's sessions and catch up with colleagues at the Hot Topics Conference reception.

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