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INVEST NORTH DAKOTA TEACHER SEMINAR SCHEDULED

The seventh annual **INVEST NORTH DAKOTA** teacher seminar will be held July 15-19, 2002 at The University of Mary in Bismarck. The goal of the seminar is to assist and encourage teachers to present business and financial planning topics to their students, as well as help them personally to meet their financial goals.

“This 30-hour seminar provides teachers the opportunity to obtain 2 graduate credits of continuing education and will give them a wealth of information in the form of resources and curriculum assistance,” stated Diane Kambeitz, Program Coordinator with the Office of the Securities Commissioner. A \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee is required. All other expenses, including college tuition, seminar materials, dormitory lodging and most meals are Free to teachers completing the seminar.

Approximately 20 business, education and professional leaders will present topics on business and investment during the seminars. Seminar topics will include economics: an elementary investment, investment planning and alternatives, consumer fraud, Internet applications for teachers, raising capital, teachers’ retirement fund and the Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition. Training sessions will also be conducted for two innovative curriculums, “The Stock Market Game

Worldwide” and “Financial Literacy 2010”. Teachers will also have the opportunity to learn how to develop a mock portfolio of investments.

“Invest North Dakota is a valuable experience for all North Dakota teachers from elementary through high school and is particularly beneficial to teachers in the areas of economics, business, mathematics, accounting, consumer education, vocational education, family living, as well as school administrators,” said Kambeitz. “What makes this seminar so unique is that it provides ‘something for everyone’ no matter what age level or discipline you teach,” stated Kambeitz.

“Invest North Dakota is an important step toward teaching our state’s future leaders the value of sound financial planning, saving and wise investing,” concluded Kambeitz.

For more information and a registration form, contact the Office of the Securities Commissioner at (701) 328-2910 or 1-800-297-5124 or check the web site address at www.state.nd.us/securities (education link). The deadline for registration is July 1, 2002 and enrollment is limited to 150. The Invest North Dakota program is sponsored by the Office of the Securities Commissioner.

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