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INVEST NORTH DAKOTA TEACHER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Invest North Dakota 2001 is a four-day seminar offered this summer to North Dakota teachers. This valuable seminar will assist teachers in presenting business and investment topics in their classrooms. The Seminar is scheduled for July 16-20 at The University of Mary in Bismarck and is sponsored by The Office of the Securities Commissioner. The deadline for registration is July 1, 2001 and enrollment is limited to 150 teachers.

“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, social studies, business, mathematics, accounting, consumer education, vocational education and family living,” said Diane Kambeitz, program coordinator.

Teachers who complete the four-day seminar will receive two (2) graduate credits of continuing education from NDSU, UND or Minot State University. A \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee is required. All other expenses, including credit tuition, seminar materials, dormitory lodging and some meals are FREE to teachers completing the seminar.

Approximately 20 business, education and professional leaders will present topics on business and investing during this 4-day seminar. Opening the session

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will be Dr. John Hail, Assistant Professor in the School of Teacher Education at Southwest Missouri State University, with his presentation on “Economics: An Elementary Investment”. Hail is making his fifth appearance at the seminar and specializes in creative methods for teaching economics to children.

Lisa Doninni, Assistant Vice President of the Securities Industry Association in New York, will address the topic of “The Stock Market in your Classroom”, and Chris Black, a teacher from Bingham High School in Utah, will conduct a training session on using the “Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition”. Teachers attending the seminar will be introduced to innovative curriculum tools that will assist them in curriculum planning such as training sessions on the Stock Market Game Worldwide and an innovative curriculum entitled, Financial Literacy 2001.

SMGWW is a ten-week simulation of Wall Street trading that provides a framework for teaching students in grades 4-12 about the American economic system and “Financial Literacy 2001” will teach students the fundamentals of personal finance.

Other topics during the four-day seminar will include: consumer fraud, newspapers in education, savvy investing, investing tools and alternatives, economics for kids, Teachers’ Fund for Retirement, Internet searching techniques, teen financial literacy, and personal economics program.

Speakers addressing these topics include Parrell Grossman, Office of the Attorney General, Bismarck; Sharon Lipp, The Forum of Fargo; Deb Battles,

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Financial Network Investment Corporation, Fargo; Paul Meyers, Salomon Smith Barney, Fargo; Fred Schmidt, US Bancorp Piper Jaffray, Bismarck; Jerry Dockter, SunAmerica Securities, Inc., Bismarck; Tom Engelhardt, Edward D. Jones & Co., Bismarck; Matt Puetz, AXA Advisors, Bismarck; Shelly Schumacher, ND Retirement and Investment Office, Bismarck; Seth Willis, Widening our World, Greeley, CO; Debra Pankow, NDSU Extension Services, Fargo; and Dorothy Huber, ND Bankers Association, Bismarck. Securities Commissioner staff members participating include Syver Vinje, North Dakota Securities Commissioner, Matthew Bahrenburg, Attorney, Diane Kambeitz, Investor Education Coordinator, Kelly Mathias and Doug Smith, Investigators, all of Bismarck.

For more information and a registration form, contact the Office of Securities Commissioner at (701) 328-2910 or 1-800-297-5124. A form may also be completed and printed from the agency's web site at www.state.nd.us/securities through the education link.

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