

NEWS FROM THE ND SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

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TEACHER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Bismarck, ND – There is still time for teachers to register for the **Invest North Dakota 2002** seminar to be held July 15-19 in Bismarck. This valuable seminar will assist teachers in presenting financial planning topics to their students. The Seminar will be held at The University of Mary in Bismarck and is sponsored by The North Dakota Securities Department. Upon completion of the seminar, teachers will receive two graduate credits through the University of their choice (NDSU, UND or MSU). The deadline for registration is July 1, 2002 and enrollment is limited to 150 teachers so apply now.

“Invest North Dakota is a valuable experience for all North Dakota teachers from elementary through high school,” said Diane Kambeitz, program coordinator. “Today’s young people will face an array of personal finance decisions that will far surpass the decisions that their parents or grandparents had to make. The bad news is that most students leaving high school are shockingly ill equipped to make these decisions that will help determine the quality of their lives, such as handling credit cards, paying taxes and even saving for the future. However, the good news is that recent studies have found that just 10 hours of financial literacy instruction will prompt most young people to start saving,” stated Kambeitz.

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Teachers participating in the seminar need only pay a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee. 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. In addition, curriculum materials will be made available for all grade levels to assist teachers in presenting topics to their students.

For more information and a registration form, contact the North Dakota Securities Department at (701) 328-2910 or 1-800-297-5124. An agenda for the event and a registration form may also be found on the Securities Department's web site at www.state.nd.us/securities through the education link.

"Teachers who help students learn useful financial principles and investment facts certainly deserve our assistance, encouragement and thanks," concluded Kambeitz.

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