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John Morgan, Bob Repine, and Sen. Ryan Deckert will Provide Oregon InC Update at Westside Economic Alliance Forum

WHAT: President and CEO of HemCon, John Morgan, will join fellow Oregon Innovation Council (Oregon InC) members Oregon Economic and Community Development Department Director Bob Repine, and state Senator Ryan Deckert (D-Beaverton), to provide an update on the state's innovation strategy at Westside Economic Alliance's December 7 Breakfast Forum "*Investing in Oregon's Economic Advantages*."

Oregon InC is the cross-sector leadership team created by Governor Kulongoski and the 2005 Oregon Legislature to drive the state's innovation strategy. This private-public coalition of 40 leaders from traded-sector industry, higher education and government is charged with identifying the state's top innovation-driven growth opportunities, maximizing our state's competitive advantages, and establishing Oregon's niche in the global economy.

Mr. Repine will discuss the importance of innovation in creating new jobs and competing in the global economy. Mr. Morgan and Sen. Deckert will brief the audience on Oregon InC's 2006 Innovation Plan; a "roadmap" designed to create business and employment opportunities throughout the state.

WHEN: Thursday, December 7, 2006, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Kingstad Center
15450 S.W. Millikan Way
Beaverton, OR 97006

COST: The cost to attend this event is \$25.00 for members of Westside Economic Alliance, and \$35.00 for non-members. A buffet breakfast will be provided.

RSVP: To register, e-mail westside@westside-alliance.org or call 503.968.3100.

About Westside Economic Alliance

Westside Economic Alliance is a member-based, non-profit association that advocates for a healthy economic climate on the Westside of the Portland metropolitan region. Westside Economic Alliance plays a leading role in the development of this high growth region by providing a business perspective in public forums and facilitating the cooperation between the private and public sectors. The result is a unique partnership that benefits both the businesses and communities of the Westside. For more information, please visit www.westside-alliance.org.

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