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U.S. Senator Gordon Smith to Speak at Westside Economic Alliance Forum

WHAT: On Thursday, October 26, 2006, the Westside Economic Alliance Forum Series will present "*Bringing Opportunity to Oregon,*" with U.S. Senator Gordon Smith.

Senator Smith will discuss the recently secured federal appropriations and spending packages that will benefit several transportation and public works projects on the westside, including the Washington County Commuter Rail project that will connect Beaverton and Wilsonville, and the expansion of Henry Hagg Lake.

Senator Smith will describe these targeted investments, and how they will provide a significant boost to Oregon's economy, and the communities on the westside of the Portland metropolitan region.

WHEN: Thursday, October 26, 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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