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U.S. Senator Ron Wyden to Address Oregon's Economic Future at Westside Economic Alliance Forum

WHAT: On Thursday, August 17, 2006, the Westside Economic Alliance Forum Series will present "*Investing in Oregon's Economic Future*," with U.S. Senator Ron Wyden.

Senator Wyden will discuss the recently secured federal appropriations and spending packages that will benefit several technological and economic development projects across the state of Oregon and on the westside of the Portland metro region.

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee recently approved millions of dollars for defense-related projects in Oregon, including significant funding for a number of research and innovative projects, including Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), HemCon of Tigard, Digimarc of Beaverton, and the Northwest Manufacturing Initiative. Separate appropriations will provide significant federal funding to complete a Westside commuter rail line between Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, and Wilsonville by 2008.

Senator Wyden will describe these targeted investments, and how they will provide a significant boost to Oregon's economy.

WHEN: Thursday, August 17, 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. Advance registration is required.

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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