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## **Novogradac & Company LLP Announces Recent Promotions**

SAN FRANCISCO—Novogradac & Company LLP is pleased to announce its five most recent promotions. K. Mark Simons, CPA, joined the San Francisco-based firm's partnership, effective July 1. In addition, Tatiana Blank, CPA; Cori Van Allen, CPA; David Beacham, CPA; and Mark Davis, were promoted from senior accountants to managers.

Simons has worked in Novogradac & Company LLP's Atlanta office for over two years. Simons has 13 years of public accounting experience specializing in the real estate and healthcare industries.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Mark on board," said Michael J. Novogradac, managing partner of the national certified public accounting and consulting firm specializing in affordable housing issues. "Mark Simons' years of experience in all areas of our practice has been invaluable. We appreciate his efforts and look forward to the firm's continued growth in the Southeast region."

Prior to joining Novogradac & Company LLP, Simons was a senior audit manager for Reznick, Fedder & Silverman in Atlanta, in charge of the audit functions for the Atlanta office. Simons earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Kennesaw State University in Marietta, Ga.

"We are also very pleased to have promoted four new managers in our firm," said Novogradac. "Each one has demonstrated an acute understanding of our firm practice and is strengthening our presence as a leader in the affordable housing tax credit industry."

Blank's responsibilities include financial forecasting, managing audits of real estate partnerships and non-profit organizations and real estate partnership tax returns. Blank graduated *summa cum laude* from San Francisco State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting.

With extensive experience managing audits of investment companies, non-profit organizations and real estate partnerships, Van Allen currently serves as an audit manager. Prior to joining Novogradac & Company LLP, Van Allen was a senior portfolio accountant for the mutual funds division at BancBoston Robertson Stephens. Van Allen graduated from the California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting.

Beacham specializes in the various accounting and tax aspects of the low-income housing tax credit (LIHC) program. Prior to joining Novogradac & Company LLP in January 1999, Beacham served as a senior accountant with a public accounting firm in Denver that specialized in LIHCs, rehabilitation tax credits and historical tax credits. Beacham earned his bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in accounting from San Diego State University.

A frequent speaker at Novogradac & Company LLP's conferences and workshops, Davis is experienced in real estate and partnership taxation and specializes in LIHCs. Prior to joining the firm, Davis served as the general manager of a luxury inn and high-volume restaurant in San

Luis Obispo, Calif. Davis graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo.

The San Francisco-based Novogradac & Company LLP is a national certified public accounting and consulting firm that specializes in affordable housing coast to coast. With offices in San Francisco; Los Angeles; Atlanta; Austin, Texas; and Columbus, Ohio; Novogradac & Company LLP maintains clients in a broad range of industries including real estate and services.

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