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**Novogradac & Company LLP Hosts ‘Solutions and Development Opportunities in the Gulf Opportunity Zone’ Seminar, April 11-12, 2006 in New Orleans**

SAN FRANCISCO – Novogradac & Company LLP will host a **Solutions and Development Opportunities in the Gulf Opportunity Zone Seminar** in New Orleans, La. at the Astor Crowne Plaza-Bourbon Street, April 11-12, 2006. The seminar will bring together panels of leading community development experts and will explore the development opportunities for affordable housing and community development in the Gulf states, provided for in the GO Zone Act of 2005. The GO Zone Act authorizes an emergency increase in tax credit and bond authority in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and other Gulf States. These tax credits will be used directly to begin the rebuilding process of the Gulf Coast region.

Seminar topics will include, among others, the benefits of the GO Zone Act 2005 and bringing tax subsidies into play, the GO Zone’s provisions in putting low-income housing tax credits and tax-exempt bonds to work, state housing agencies’ responses to the GO Zone Act and Hurricane Katrina; as well as an analysis of tax credit projects with Katrina and GO Zone benefits.

The **Solutions and Development Opportunities in the Gulf Opportunity Zone Seminar** will be co-hosted by Advantage Capital Partners, Boston Capital, PNC Multifamily Capital, MMA Financial, Charter Mac Commercial Solutions, and The Richman Group Affordable Housing Corporation.

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For more information about Novogradac & Company LLP's **Solutions and Development Opportunities in the Gulf Opportunity Zone Seminar** call Jane Bowar Zastrow at 415.356.8034, or email her at [jane.zastrow@novoco.com](mailto:jane.zastrow@novoco.com).

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