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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., Rep. Harold Ford,, D.-Tenn., and Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, to Offer Keynote Addresses at Novogradac & Company LLP's New Markets Tax Credit Conference in Phoenix**

SAN FRANCISCO – Phoenix Mayor Phoenix Phil Gordon, in the event's opening keynote address on Thursday, will welcome participants to Novogradac and Company LLP's **New Markets Tax Credit Conference** being held at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, Ariz., January 26-27, 2006. U.S. Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz. will offer the keynote address at the conference's luncheon on Thursday, and Rep. Harold Ford, D.- Tenn., will open Friday's general session. Gordon, who was previously a member of the Phoenix City Council, is beginning his third year as mayor. Hayworth is serving his sixth term in Congress and is the first Arizonan to serve on the House Ways and Means Committee. Ford, a member of the House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, which oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, is serving his fourth term in Congress.

Novogradac and Company LLP's **New Markets Tax Credit Conference** will bring together panels of leading community development experts. The agenda includes discussions and presentations on the tax credit's impact on community development, how to use the tax credit to create a multi-borrower/investee loan or equity fund, as well as provide an analysis of a deal from start to finish. Additional sessions will address compliance and accounting for the NMTC as well as differences in allocation agreements.

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