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**Industry Leaders and Experts will Gather Virtually at the First Ever Virtual Novogradac Conference**

Novogradac to Host Virtual Opportunity Zones Conference July 15

SAN FRANCISCO—Final opportunity zones (OZ) regulations went into effect March 13, the same day the president declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the effects of the pandemic, the U.S. Department of the Treasury extended several OZ incentive deadlines, including the 180-day investment deadline for capital gains and the 30-month substantial improvement period. Attendees will have a chance to ask questions about and discuss the future of the OZ incentive at the [Novogradac 2020 Virtual Opportunity Zones Conference](#) July 15. This will be Novogradac’s first virtual conference.

“We’ve worked diligently to make sure our virtual conference has the same benefits and opportunities as our in-person conferences,” said John Sciarretti, CPA, Novogradac partner and conference chairman. “There are some great speakers attending the virtual conference, and we’re anxious to hear their input on the future of opportunity zones and how OZ investment can help rebuild the economy.”

The virtual event will include a Washington Report panel moderated by Michael Novogradac, with speakers Emily Lavery, legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Tim Scott, and HUD deputy chief of staff Alfonso Costa Jr. There will also be an in-depth discussion with IRS officials covering major clarifications and additional flexibility found in Treasury’s final regulations. The full agenda can be found [here](#). There will also be networking opportunities during Novogradac’s Nexus exhibit hall and a live question-and-answer period after each session.

The Novogradac 2020 Virtual Opportunity Zones Conference is co-hosted by NES Financial, a JTC Company. The event is sponsored by Dentons, Enterprise & Bellwether Enterprise, Greenberg Glusker, Kutak Rock, Miles & Stockbridge and trade sponsor CalOZ.



### **About Novogradac**

Novogradac began operations in 1989 and has grown to more than 600 employees and partners with offices in more than 25 cities. Tax, audit and consulting specialty practice areas for Novogradac include affordable housing, opportunity zones, community development, historic rehabilitation and renewable energy.

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