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MLS Industry to “Connect” in Portland

Leaders to meet April 15-17 for Connection 2009 conference

PORTLAND, Ore. – Leaders from around the MLS industry will convene in Portland, Oregon for the Connection 2009 conference, April 15-17. Hosting this year is RMLS (Regional Multiple Listing Service), which serves much of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

MLS and association executives, along with attorneys and vendors that serve the industry will be represented at this event. The conference offers an opportunity to discuss the latest issues and trends surrounding the industry.

Ralph Holmen, Associate General Counsel of the National Association of Realtors will provide a legal update regarding the recent DOJ/NAR settlement, which centers around the MLS industry.

Part of the conference will also focus on the green-home movement and how MLSs can implement green fields to better serve their members. Joe Menashe, principal broker with Hasson Company Realtors in Portland will share his experience building the only real estate company in the area that offers clients access to a designated team of green-certified agents. Kria Lacher, a local broker who spearheaded the effort to make RMLS in Portland the first MLS to incorporate green fields into its database, will also speak.

Noted economist John Mitchell will also speak on the changing economy and its effect on the real estate industry. Mitchell is the principal of M & H Economic Consultants of Portland. He is a past chairman of the Oregon Council of Economic Advisors and former chief economist of U.S. Bancorp.

For more information on Connection 2009, visit www.connection2009.com.

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