

CFE UPDATE
March-April 2006

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Association and Chapter Fraud Training and Meeting Dates

Be sure to mark the following calendar year 2006 fraud training meetings on
your personal schedule and plan to attend:

April 26, 2006 (Wednesday). Chapter Fraud Training Seminar; Downtown
Seattle, 1000 Second Avenue. This is the old Key Towers Bank Building; but,
the building currently has no name on it. The building is located across the
street and one block North of the Jackson Federal Building (corner of Second
Avenue and Spring Street). We begin all meetings promptly at 2:30 p.m., hold

a 30 minute networking session at 3:30 p.m., and then complete the seminars at 4:45 p.m. The seminar fee is \$20 for Chapter members and \$25 for non-members.

(Confirmed) The topic is: Hotline Best Practices; and, the speaker is: David Clark of The Network, Incorporated.

June 28, 2006 (Wednesday). Annual Chapter Business Meeting and Fraud Training Seminar; Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 15700 SouthCenter Parkway, Tukwila, WA 98188, (206) 241-4448. For reference purposes, the restaurant is located on the Northwest corner of SouthCenter Mall nearest to the intersections of I-5 and I-405. Door prizes will be awarded; but, you must be present to win. The luncheon and continuing professional education for the fraud seminar is free to Chapter members and \$15 for non-members. The luncheon begins promptly at Noon, followed by a brief Chapter annual business meeting. The fraud training seminar begins at approximately 1:00 p.m. and lasts for one hour.

(Confirmed) Katherine Tassi, Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Attorney General's Office, Seattle, WA. (Title and topic unconfirmed)

July 10-12, 2006 (Las Vegas, NV @ Venetian Hotel). Association's 17th Annual Fraud Conference and Exhibition. Register for this conference at www.cfenet.com. The meeting times are from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2005, for the Pre-Conference; 8:30 a.m. @ 12:30 p.m. on July 13, 2005, and from 8:30 a.m. @ 4:30 p.m. on all other days during the Main-Conference and Post-Conference period. Main conference fees for members: Register by April 4, 2006, for \$795; Register by May 25, 2006, for \$845; and Register after May 25, 2006, for \$895.

Vice-President Norm Gierlasinski will be the Pacific Northwest Chapter's official representative at the Chapter Representatives Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Fraud Conference. He will provide a report to the Chapter on the events of this meeting.

President Joe Dervaes will attend the ACFE private non-profit corporation's Board of Directors Meeting held in conjunction with the Conference.

August 30, 2006 (Wednesday). Chapter Fraud Training Seminar; Downtown Seattle, at 1000 Second Avenue in a 28th floor conference room of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. This is the old Key Towers Bank Building; but, the building currently has no name on it. The building is located across the street and one block North of the Jackson Federal Building (corner of Second Avenue and Spring Street). We begin all meetings promptly at 2:30 p.m., hold a 30 minute networking session at 3:30 p.m., and then complete the seminars at 4:45 p.m. The seminar fee is \$20 for Chapter members and \$25 for non-members.

(Confirmed) John J. Tollefsen, CFE, Attorney at Law, Lynnwood, WA. His topic will deal with one of his most recent fraud case studies where the judgment was over \$1 million. It will include a transfer of most of the defendant=s assets to the victim. (Title Undetermined).

October 16-17, 2006. Joint Chapter and ACFE Two-Day Fraud Training Class at the Doubletree Hotel, 18740 International Boulevard; SeaTac (across the street from SeaTac International Airport), (206) 246-8600.

(Confirmed) The topic is: Investigating by Computer. The ACFE has not yet announced the speaker for this two-day class.

Note: The Association will provide breakfast pastries, lunch, and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments on each of these training days. The Chapter Board of Officers will assist with registration duties for this class.

December 1, 2006 (Friday). Joint Chapter/WSCPA=s 10th Annual Fraud Conference at the SeaTac Marriott Hotel; 3201 South 176th Street, SeaTac (across the street and up the hill a short distance from SeaTac International Airport). The hotel telephone number is (206) 241-2000 or toll free at 1-800-228-9290. The registration fee for members of the WSCPA and the Pacific Northwest Chapter is \$195 (estimated) for this conference. There is also a \$10 (estimated) daily parking fee if you drive your car and park in the hotel parking lot. Car pooling is recommended to reduce the nominal cost of parking. Registration and continental breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Register directly with the WSCPA by calling 1-800-272-8273 (Bellevue, WA). The conference includes eight hours of continuing professional education credit. The course registration form can also be obtained from the WSCPA=s web site at [www: wscpa.org](http://www.wscpa.org). You must call the WSCPA to actually register for the conference. Ask for Lisa Chin Iwata in the Education Department.

As of this date, three of the four speakers for the annual fraud conference have been confirmed. They are:

(Confirmed) Colin Parcher, CFE, Manager, Investigative Services, Financial Institutions Commission, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. Colin is the President of the Vancouver B.C. Chapter/ACFE. His topic is: Real Estate Fraud.

(Confirmed) Brock Phillips, CFE, CPA, Senior Forensic Accounting, Financial Integrity Unit, Microsoft, Redmond, WA. Brock is also going to be a speaker on the topic of: The CFEs Job Security: Internal Controls and Employee Theft at the ACFE Annual Fraud Conference in Las Vegas, NV in July 2006. His topic at our Annual Fraud Conference will be on Internal Controls and Employee Embezzlement (Undetermined).

(Confirmed) Patrick De Langis, CPA, CFFA, Director of Litigation and Forensic Accounting Services, Berntson Porter and Company, PLLC, Bellevue, WA. His topic is: (Undetermined).

(Unconfirmed) Dr. Don Sorenson, CFE, Commander, Risk Management Division, Washington State Patrol, Olympia, WA. His topic is: Case File Development.

President Joe Dervaes and Vice-President Norm Gierlasinski will co-chair the 10th Annual Fraud Conference.

Important Chapter Fraud Training Meeting Information for Downtown Seattle Location

All fraud seminars conducted by the Chapter in downtown Seattle are held at this location. We meet at 1000 Second Avenue in a 28th floor conference room of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. This is the old Key Towers Bank Building; but, the building currently has no name on it. The building is located across the street and one block North of the Jackson Federal Building (corner of Second Avenue and Spring Street).

Our host, the State of Washington Housing Finance Commission, controls the conference room where our meetings are held. In February 2005, the Commission revised its security for access to its training room. We are NO LONGER required to sign-in with the receptionist on the 27th Floor to obtain a visitor=s badge. Please report directly to the training room on the 28th Floor of the building.

We meet at the training room promptly at 2:30 p.m., hold a 30 minute networking session at 3:30 p.m. in the middle of the class, and then complete all fraud seminars at 4:45 p.m. sharp. The Commission has asked us to depart the training room promptly because their duty day ends at 5:00 p.m. We appreciate using this fine training facility for our fraud seminars, and respectfully request everyone abide by the Commissions rules.

If you=re looking for parking, Special Events parking rates (approximately \$6) usually apply for the parking garage at Benaroya Hall, just two blocks north of the training facility on Second Avenue.

(1) Links to ACFE and Chapters

The Board of Officers has identified the following CFE Chapter web-sites that may be useful to our Members. Here they are:

**Association of Certified Fraud Examiners B www.ACFE.com
Pacific Northwest Chapter/ACFE B www.fraud-examiners.org
Oregon Chapter/ACFE B www.oregon-acfe.org
Spokane Chapter/ACFE B www.spokanefraud.org**

Vancouver, B.C., Canada Chapter/ACFE B www.cfevancouver@yahoo.cca

(2) Additional Fraud Links

The Board of Officers provides the following additional links to its Chapter Members as a public service. Here are just a few of them:

Complaints about Internet Fraud may be filed with the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (www.ifccfbi.gov).

Complaints about e-mail and mail fraud may be filed with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (www.usps.gov/postalinspectors). The primary use is for Nigerian (and other African countries) fraud e-mails or letters that are received. PS Form 8165 (Mail Fraud Report) lists many other uses as well. This form may be downloaded and then mailed to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to file a complaint and submit the fraudulent document received. The mailing address is U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Inspection Service Support Group, 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60606-6100.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service web-site lists additional links to the The Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org), county or state Office of Consumer Affairs. In this state, that=s the Washington Attorney General=s Consumer Protection Division at www.wa.gov/ago, or nationally at www.naag.org. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at www.ftc.gov.

Identity Theft links are at the Identity Theft Unit sponsored by the Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Department of Licensing at www.dol.wa.gov; www.idtheftcenter.org; www.consumersunion.org; and www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

John E. Reid and Associates, Inc. (Fraud Interview Training), Chicago, IL, www.reid.com. The Reid Preferred Group of Associations (RPGA) number for the Pacific Northwest Chapter/ACFE is A20-049. The RPGA number must be shown on the registration form in order to receive a discount on seminar registrations or to purchase products.

(3) Annual Chapter Board of Officer Elections

The Chapter must conduct elections for any open positions on the Chapter Board of Officers at its June 28, 2006, Annual Business Meeting in Tukwila, WA. While all members of the current Board are willing to continue serving the Chapter in their current capacity for another two-year term (July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2008), at least two members have indicated their willingness to step down if there is sufficient interest by other Chapter members in serving in these positions. Director-at-Large positions would be opened, as needed. Interested applicants must agree to regularly attend all Board meetings and actively participate in managing the Chapter=s business. One of the primary

functions of the Board is to find speakers and topics for our annual fraud training calendar of events. And, this is where a lot of time and effort is required.

This notice is a call to Members of the Chapter who are willing to serve on the Board of Officers. Interested applicants should contact President Joe Dervaes promptly by telephone at (360) 710-1545 or by e-mail at dervaesj@sao.wa.gov. The Board of Officers will serve as the Nominating Committee.

(4) Chapter E-Mail Distribution Problem

Some e-mail providers have apparently altered their systems to block spam, so much so, that Chapter President, Joe Dervaes, is unable to reach the following individuals with Chapter messages being distributed with the e-mail addresses listed in the current CFE Chapter Directory file. We have contacted several individuals whose e-mails were returned undeliverable, and all have verified that their e-mail addresses are accurate. We assume the same is true of others on the list. We would like to fix this problem.

The CFE Chapter is unable to send e-mail messages to the following Members:

(.org) Gayle Seyl

(cs.com) Linda Saunders.

(aol.com) Carol Myers, Cliff Whipple, Duffy Rader, Jim Tyrrell, Josie Hipolito, Keith Glein, Melissa Huelsman, Paul Maffia, and Ruth O=Hern.

Our messages may be going into the junk mail box for these Members. So, if each individual would contact their e-mail provider to resolve this issue, and/or amend their incoming e-mail list to accept messages from Chapter President Joe Dervaes, it would be appreciated. We do want you to receive the messages we=re sending. The sender on the undeliverable messages is as follows: dervaesj@sao.wa.gov. Thanks for your assistance in this important matter.

(5) Other Training Opportunities

John Reid and Associates, Inc. will be offering four 3-day training classes on the topic of The Reid Techniques of Interviewing and Interrogation during 2006. The dates of the classes are January 31-February 2, 2006; May 9-11, 2006; August 1-3, 2006; and, November 6-9, 2006. All classes will be held at the Madison Renaissance in Seattle. This Chicago, Illinois, training sponsor can be reached at www.reid.com. The Reid Preferred Group of Associations (RPGA) number for the Pacific Northwest Chapter/ACFE is A20-049. The RPGA number must be shown on the registration form in order to receive a discount on seminar registrations or to purchase products. Registration for these classes must be handled directly with John Reid and Associates, Inc.

(6) 2005-2007 ACFE Board of Regents Elected

Congratulations to Angela Henschel, Don Mullinax, and James Whitaker who were recently elected as the newest ACFE Regents. They will be replacing Bruce Dean, Mary-Jo Kranacher, and Joe Spinelli and were sworn in at the Board of Regents meeting in Austin, Texas, in late February 2006. Their biographies are as follows:

Angela Henschel, MBA, CFE, CPA*Axium Consulting Chicago, Ill.*

Angela Henschel has 20 years= experience leading hundreds of investigations in financial and non-financial crimes with the Milwaukee Police Department, Jefferson Wells International, and internal audit in the private sector. She has joined Axium Consulting in Chicago as Director. Most recently, she was a management consultant for Jefferson Wells International in the Milwaukee office, handling high-level fraud investigations, assessment plans, and risk analysis.

Henschel has worked in conjunction with the Wisconsin District Attorney=s office; major financial institutions; and various local, state, and federal jurisdictions. She=s developed and implemented rules and regulations and standard operating procedures for a newly formed white-collar crime unit and created an internal audit department at a large worldwide manufacturing firm.

She=s listed with the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice as an expert witness in forensic accounting. She instructs a fraud management class in the MBA program at Concordia University in the fall.

Henschel is a CPA and a CFE. She=s a member of the Wisconsin Area Fraud Investigators, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Henschel has a bachelor=s of business administration from Loyola University in Chicago, Ill.; and a master=s of business administration from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Don Mullinax, CFE, CIA, CGFM*Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP Los Angeles, Calif.*

Don Mullinax is a principal in the forensic and dispute services practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. He has more than 25 years of experience in leading and conducting audits and fraud investigations and providing anti-fraud consulting services across a range of industries including aviation, construction, defense, education, consumer goods, and health care.

Mullinax previously served as the inspector general for the nation=s second-largest public school system, chief investigator on the U.S. Senate=s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, director of contract investigations at the District of Columbia=s Office of Inspector General, and investigator on the U.S. Senate=s Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management. In those positions, Mullinax conducted a broad range of complex investigations, including contract fraud, public corruption, aviation safety, airport security, food imports, and health-care fraud. He also served 15 years in a variety of audit positions with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Mullinax is a frequent lecturer to academic, government, business, and civic groups. In addition to being a Certified Fraud Examiner, he holds several professional

designations, including Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Government Financial Manager.

He received a bachelor=s degree in accounting from Georgia College and a master=s degree in business management from Central Michigan University.

James E. Whitaker, CFE, CPP, CIFI*International Association of Arson Investigators*
St. Louis, Missouri

James E. Whitaker brings more than 35 years of hands-on experience in law enforcement, management, and private sector investigative experience. He received a bachelor=s in criminal justice administration and a master=s in business administration (with an emphasis on organizational design) both from Myers University in Cleveland, Ohio. He=s a graduate of the FBI National Academy, National Crime Prevention Institute, and ATF Insurance Fire Academy. Besides the CFE, he holds the designations of Certified Protection Professional (CPP), and Certified Insurance Fraud Investigator (CIFI).

He is the Executive Director of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) and until recently owned and managed Fraud Trak, an investigative services and consulting firm headquartered in Ohio. Prior to launching his own firm he served as an insurance executive with Westfield Group after serving as an SIU investigator. He later directed the special investigation unit, among other home office operational divisions.

Prior to joining Westfield, he retired as a lieutenant from the Forest Park, Ohio Police Department after serving as commander of the detective division. He later served as a full-time police academy instructor; corporate security director for L.J. Hooker International, a shopping mall developer headquartered in Sydney, Australia; and vice president & general manager of Pennington International, a security and investigative services firm in Cincinnati, Ohio.

(7) Minutes of the Semi-Annual Chapter Board of Officers Meeting

(a) President Joe Dervaes called the semi-annual Board of Officers meeting to order on February 22, 2006, at 12:30 p.m., at the downtown Seattle training location. Present were: Joe Dervaes; Norm Gierlasinski; Bernadette McBride; and, Robert Goehring. Roger Gulliver was unable to attend the meeting.

(b) By unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes from its two June 2005 meetings (Board and Member) and its December 2005 special meeting.

(c) There will be Board of Officer elections at the annual business meeting this year for the term of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008 (two-year term). All current Board members agreed to stay in office for another term. However, at least two members would be willing to step down if there is sufficient interest by other Chapter members in serving in these positions. Director-at-Large positions would be opened, as needed. An announcement will be made to this effect in the next Chapter newsletter.

(d) By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to nominate the Chapter for the 2006 ACFE Awards Program in the following categories: (1) Chapter of the Year; and, (2)

Achievement in Outreach/Community Service. President Joe Dervaes will submit the award application packages. In addition, President Joe Dervaes will submit an application for Isabel Cumming (Maryland Chapter) for CFE of the Year for her service to ACFE as a Regent and as Chairman of the Board of Review, and for her outstanding fraud prosecutions in 2005. The winners of these awards will be announced at the Annual Fraud Conference in Las Vegas, NV (July 10-12, 2006). If the Chapter wins, either President Joe Dervaes or Vice-President Norm Gierlasinski will accept the award since both of them will be on-site at the conference.

(e) By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to continue having door prizes at the annual business meeting on June 28, 2006. President Joe Dervaes was authorized to purchase five gift certificates for \$25 each at a local book store for this purpose.

(f) By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to sponsor Sydney Diamond, CFE, CISSP, to the ACFE as a candidate for the Fellow Program. Sydney Diamond is a Chapter Member and will be submitting her recent book entitled: *Protecting Your Assets Business Security for the Small Business Owner* as her 15,000-word thesis for the Fellow Program. The Board will serve as the five required CFEs and sign a letter to this effect so that Ms. Diamond can submit it with her application package.

(g) President Joe Dervaes presented the following items as notice only to Board members. No action was required. They were:

(1) The CFE Chapter Directory and Calendar Year 2006 dues statements were issued to the membership in December 2005.

(2) The Chapter's Annual Recertification Report was submitted to the Association in January 2006.

(3) The Distinguished Achievement Award for Robert Goehring was submitted to ACFE in January 2006. It was previously approved by the Board and by the membership. The ACFE approved the award in February 2006. It will be presented to him at the April 2006 Chapter fraud seminar meeting.

(4) The annual Association and Chapter Scholarship Programs have been officially announced. There are 30 Association scholarships of \$1,000 each available this year, including 15 for the United States and 15 for other countries throughout the world. There are two Chapter scholarships of \$500 each available this year. Vice-President Norm Gierlasinski will send scholarship notification letters to Colleges and Universities in our geographic area of coverage similar to prior years.

(5) The Chapter received completely new and updated fraud training materials from ACFE for our Library. DVDs are replacing the old videos we have on file. The Library listing will soon be updated to reflect these new offerings for use by our Members who need Continuing Professional Education and choose to do it using this method.

(h) By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to send Vice-President Norm Gierlasinski as our representative to the Chapter Representative Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Fraud Conference (Las Vegas, NV; July 10-12, 2006), something we have done in prior years. The Board also authorized the Chapter to sponsor \$500 in travel expenses for him to travel to Las Vegas to attend this important meeting. He will also make a report of the meeting after the conference that will be published in the Chapter Newsletter.

(i) The Board again discussed a proposed Chapter Fraud Training Outreach Program into the Community (i.e.; civic organizations, senior citizen groups, AARP, the Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division, the Washington State Patrol's Identity Theft Unit, the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions, the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, The Internal Revenue Service's VITA Program, etc.). The Chapter is not yet prepared to take this step. This topic was tabled indefinitely with no action being taken.

(j) The Board discussed proposed speakers and topics for future Chapter fraud training events for the remainder of Calendar Year 2006. The Board will work throughout the rest of the year to select speakers and topics for each proposed training date.

(k) John Reid and Associates has offered the Chapter one complimentary seat at any one of four three-day classes on "The Reid Techniques of Interviewing and Interrogation" in 2006. The dates of the classes are January 31-February 2, 2006; May 9-11, 2006; August 1-3, 2006; and, November 6-9, 2006. All classes will be at the Madison Renaissance in Seattle. By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to accept this complimentary registration and send Vice-President Norm Gierlasinski to the May 2006 class. President Joe Dervaes will notify the firm of our selection.

(l) The Chapter membership directory is inaccurate. We include the names and information for individuals who were previously Members of the Chapter but who failed to renew their membership by paying dues in 2005. By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to purge these individuals from our current directory if they do not renew their membership in 2006. Before taking this final action, President Joe Dervaes will send correspondence to these individuals notifying them of the proposed action and encouraging them to once again join in our activities.

(m) The Board of Officers discussed various proposals in our selection process for the 2006 Chapter Distinguished Achievement Award. These included: (1) Members who serve on ACFE committees and/or author articles for *The Fraud Magazine*; (2) Members who consistently support our Chapter by regularly attending fraud training events; and/or, (3) A community leader, such as a County prosecutor (criminal division). The Board will explore these options and potential candidates in the future, and will continue to discuss this topic at the next semi-annual Board meeting (June 28, 2006).

(n) The semi-annual Board meeting was adjourned by President Joe Dervaes at 2:00 p.m. Members then attended the Chapter fraud seminar.

(o) Addendum to Board of Officers meeting. By unanimous vote on March 6, 2006, the Board of Officers established a new policy for membership by those individuals who are retired. If a prior member is no longer working after retirement, and does not need to maintain fraud Continuing Professional Education, membership in the Chapter will be provided at no cost. However, if a retired member attends a Chapter fraud training event, he/she must pay the normal registration fee at the Member rate.

(8) Income Tax Scam B Newspaper Article

The following fraud article appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune on February 25, 2006. The headline was: Number 3 on IRS Watch List - \$63.80 refund? Delete it. The subtitle was: An Internet scam tries to snare South Sound residents. The bait: A supposed tax refund of \$63.80. The author was: C.R. Roberts (253) 59708535, c.r.roberts@thenewstribune.com. Here's the article.

Spring phishing season opened early in the South Sound on Friday when some people received news via e-mail that they were eligible for a surprise tax refund of \$63.80. Actually, they were eligible to be scammed.

Yes, the letter was signed: Regards, Internal Revenue Service, and yes, the return address contained the seemingly official www.irs.gov directive. But, IRS spokeswoman Judy Monahan in Seattle said the agency doesn't send out such e-mail. So, there is no refund due.

Such phishing rates number 3 on this year's list of IRS Dirty Dozen tax scams. Phishing is a technique used by identity thieves to acquire personal financial data in order to gain access to the financial accounts of unsuspecting consumers, run up charges on their credit cards or apply for new loans in their names, the agency said.

Here's how it works: A typical e-mail notifies a taxpayer of an outstanding refund and urges the taxpayer to click on a hyperlink and visit an official-looking Web site, the IRS said. The Web site then solicits Social Security and credit card numbers. And, as many times as people have been warned, some unsuspecting citizens still take the bait.

Actually, the \$63.80 seemed an attractive way to start the weekend, just enough for dinner and a movie for two. (Well, maybe dinner. Perhaps the phishers should consider how inflation has affected the gullibility marketplace.)

If a taxpayer has any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, the taxpayer should call 1-800-829-1040, or just click delete on the e-mail.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
(April 26, 2006)**

SEMINAR TOPIC: HOTLINE BEST PRACTICES

Fraud Prevention and Detection: The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' Report to The Nation has demonstrated the value of tips in uncovering fraud. A hotline can be a powerful tool that helps minimize losses and acts as a preventative device.

Learn the "Dos" and "Don'ts" for using a hotline as an effective tool for fighting fraud from the leading provider of hotlines to large employers, The Network. The Network is the hotline provider that operates EthicsLine, the Official hotline of the ACFE. The discussion of best practices will include implementation of an anonymous reporting mechanism, operational processes, educating employees about workplace ethics and the investigation of anonymous tips.

SPEAKER: DAVID CLARK

David Clark is Global Account Manager for The Network, Incorporated. He has helped hundreds of companies secure business operations and develop effective hotline programs that both detect and deter fraud. Prior to The Network, David consulted businesses in a several aspects of Risk Management and Data Security working for Dun & Bradstreet and Earthlink. The Network pioneered the anonymous hotline more than 20 years ago, and today the company provides workplace reporting services to nearly 2,000 organizations, including 45% of the Fortune 500.

DATE: April 26, 2006
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TIME: 2:30 B 4:45 p.m.

CPE: Two Hours CPE

Location of Training Facility and Parking: We meet at 1000 Second Avenue in a 28th floor conference room of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. This is the old Key Towers Bank Building; but, the building currently has no name on it. The building is located across the street and one block North of the Jackson Federal Building (corner of Second Avenue and Spring Street). If you're looking for parking, Special Events parking rates (\$6) apply for the parking garage at Benaroya Hall, just two blocks north of the training facility on Second Avenue.

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Note: We have entered into an agreement with the Washington State Board of Accountancy to meet its continuing professional education requirements.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM (April 26, 2006 B 2:30-4:45 p.m.)

NAME: _____
TITLE: _____
PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
EMPLOYER: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please mail registration form with \$20 check for members or \$25 for non-members to: Pacific Northwest Chapter/ACFE; P. O. Box 215; Auburn, WA 98071-0215. Or, bring your registration form and payment to the Seminar for processing.

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Many organizations require the **Federal Tax Identification Number** of the Pacific Northwest Chapter/ACFE in order to pay for their employees to attend our fraud training events. The number is: **91-1592735**.

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