



NIRI'S January Meeting to Discuss "Economic Outlook - What the IRO and Management Need to Know"

Expert from NASDAQ to share insights on economic and stock market risks for 2008

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 3, 2008 - The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) announced today that its monthly meeting for January will feature Dr. Frank M. Hatheway, Chief Economist and Vice President of the NASDAQ Stock Market.

Who:

Dr. Frank M. Hatheway, Chief Economist and Vice President of the NASDAQ Stock Market. Dr. Hatheway has been with NASDAQ since 2001, when he joined as Deputy Chief Economist. He is responsible for projects to support and improve the market structure of the NASDAQ. Previously, he was a finance professor at Penn State University and a well-known researcher in market microstructure. Dr. Hatheway has authored academic articles in various leading finance journals. He also worked for General Electric and later spent five years running his own securities firm as a registered options trader on the floor of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

What:

During this extended luncheon, Dr. Hatheway will share his prognostications, risk factors and economic drivers for 2008. The line-up of topics could include U.S. dollar performance, hedge fund trading, market volatility, derivatives, short selling and your own pressing question of global economic significance.

Please click here <http://niri.barkerdesign.com/> to register for the event.

When:

Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

11:30 AM - Check-in

Noon- 2 p.m. - Lunch and Presentation

***This month's meeting will be on the third Tuesday of the month rather than the second**

Where:

The Denver Athletic Club

1325 Glenarm Place

Denver, CO

303-534-1211

Cost:

NIRI Members - \$38

Non-members - \$75

For members who wish to view the presentation, it will be available via a link on the home page of the Chapter's Web site (www.rockyniri.org) beginning the next day. The presentation will be captured as a rich media recording courtesy of Boulder-based Catapult PR-IR (www.catapultpr-ir.com). Just click on the link and it will play back automatically. All that is needed is a Windows Media Player and preferably high-speed Internet access. This is a unique service that only the Rocky Mountain Chapter of NIRI is offering its members. Please send your feedback to Terri Douglas, Catapult PR-IR at tdouglas@catapultpr-ir.com.

With more than 4,300 members in 35 chapters around the country, NIRI sets the highest standards in education designed to advance the practice of investor relations and meet the growing professional development needs of those engaged in the field. The Rocky Mountain Chapter includes over 100 corporate practitioners, IR consultants and IR-related service providers, resulting in a dynamic mix of IR professionals dedicated to promoting the practice of investor relations within the business and financial communities.

The goal of the Rocky Mountain Chapter is to advance the profession of investor relations. By providing innovative monthly programs, it seeks to create a greater understanding of effective and sound investor relations practices within its membership and the greater business community. It also strives to foster a collegial environment where investor relations practitioners can

share their knowledge and experiences. The Chapter's objective is to provide an opportunity for participation in local activities that are both enlightening and enjoyable. For information about becoming a member of NIRI, please contact Brenda Bell at BusinessWire at 303-861-8837.

About the NIRI Rocky Mountain Chapter

The NIRI Rocky Mountain Chapter has more than 100 members representing most of the major public companies in the Rocky Mountain region. The chapter holds regular monthly meetings and specially scheduled educational seminars featuring experts on leading issues affecting publicly traded companies and the investor relations profession. For more information on the Rocky Mountain Chapter, please visit its Website at www.rockyniri.org.

Contact:

Terri Douglas
Secretary & Chair, Communications
Rocky Mountain Chapter, National Investor Relations Institute
303-581-7760, ext. 18
tdouglas@catapultpr-ir.com