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State and city partnership nets Alaskans investment seminar

(Anchorage) The Division of Banking and Securities, the Anchorage Municipal Library and Investor Protection Trust (IPT) have teamed up to provide a free investment education seminar 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Anchorage Z.J. Loussac Library, Marston Theatre Level 1.

The seminar is free and is not affiliated with any commercial entities. The seminar offers investment education followed by optional, one-on-one counseling sessions with seminar participants.

Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce Mark Davis said protecting the public against scam artists, bad investment deals and imprudent financial decisions is best done through education. "Government used to regulate its way to try to protect the public," said Davis. "While we still do a fair amount of regulating, we've found that you will always be one-step behind and need public education to really be effective."

The seminar is funded by Investor Protection Trust. Don Blandin, President and CEO of IPT said Anchorage Libraries were selected for the award partly because of the State of Alaska's aggressive investor education and anti fraud campaigns.

"The State of Alaska has been working to get the word out to make smarter, better informed investors," said Blandin. "We want our messages to compliment current programs and the State of Alaska is doing a great job."

To register call the library at (907) 562-7323.

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