



## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: 8 January 2010

For more information, contact:

Melissa Golding, NABE Press Officer, (571) 236-2820

### ***2010 NABE POLICY CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC POLICY CHOICES AFTER THE GREAT RECESSION***

As the global economy continues to recover from the Great Recession, leading economists, business analysts, commentators, academics, and top government policymakers will convene to discuss and debate key domestic and political drivers for the post-recession period at the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) 2010 Economic Policy Conference. The annual event, now in its twenty-sixth year, will be held March 7-9 at the Marriott Key Bridge Hotel in Arlington, VA.

"As we begin to explore what the 'new economic normal' really means, NABE's Policy Conference will feature some of the most influential policy leaders and thinkers from the US and abroad," said NABE President **Lynn Reaser**, chief economist at Point Loma Nazarene University. "Scaling down massive monetary and fiscal stimulus will present enormous challenges, while issues surrounding health care, the environment, real estate, small business, and defense will also demand attention. With midterm elections looming, NABE's Policy Conference will offer critical insights into some of the most important decisions this nation will ever make."

The conference program, structured around the theme, "The New Normal? Policy Choices After the Great Recession," will encompass a wide variety of discussion topics, including monetary policy, fiscal policy, health care reform, housing, cap-and-trade, commodities, and defense economics. It will also feature a panel discussion on financial regulation, an issue that has been much debated and discussed since the financial crisis took hold in September 2008. "After the great recession, many old economic truths are broken and scattered on the ground. The great moderation is over," said NABE Policy Conference Chair **Stuart Mackintosh**, executive director of The Group of Thirty. "Self-regulation has been abandoned. Many, if not most, regulators failed. So we confront a new normal in which global reregulation is the goal. So, too, is stimulating growth and employment. All this and more must be achieved while grappling with hard monetary and fiscal choices across the board. The NABE conference provides *the* Washington

Continued on next page . . . .

8 January 2010

Page 2 of 2

forum to see all these debates play out. It is a must for those who want insight into the policymaking process this spring."

Among the confirmed speakers at press time are Congressional Budget Office Director **Douglas Elmendorf**; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago President **Charles Evans**; Caterpillar, Inc. Chairman and CEO **Jim Owens**; President's Council of Economic Advisers Chair **Christina Romer**; Federal Reserve Board of New York Executive Vice President **Brian Sack**; and European Central Bank Executive Board Member **Jurgen Stark**.

**Conference sessions include:** Midterm Elections: Analysis and Outlook; The Spiraling US Debt: Tameable or Troubling?; Health Care Reform: The Unintended and Unfinished Agenda; Strengthening the Nation's Entrepreneurs: Small Business Challenges and Opportunities after the Great Recession; Real Estate Outlook After Government Intervention; Is the Dollar Doomed as a Reserve Currency?; Transforming the Defense Industry in the 21st Century; From Synchronized Recovery to De-synchronized Exit Strategies; and The State of the States.

**In addition to those mentioned above, confirmed speakers include:** **Michael Bird**, senior federal affairs counsel, National Conference of State Legislatures; **Fatih Birol**, chief economist, International Energy Agency; **Charlie Cook**, editor, the *Cook Political Report*; **David Cutler**, Otto Eckstein Professor of Applied Economics, Harvard University; **William Dunkelberg**, chief economist, National Federation of Independent Business; **Bert Ely**, principal, Ely & Company; **Ben Friedman**, William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University; **William Gale**, co-director of the Tax Policy Center and director of the Retirement Security Project at the Brookings Institution; **Howard Glaser**, principal, The Glaser Group; **John Haltiwanger**, professor, University of Maryland College Park, and research associate, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau; **Clay Lowery**, former assistant secretary of the US Treasury for international affairs and managing director, Glover Park Group; **John Mothersole**, principal, Industry Practices Group, IHS Global Insight; **Ajay Rajadhyaksha**, head of US Fixed Income and Securitized Strategy, Barclays Capital; **Alicia Robb**, senior research fellow, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation; **Stephen Seidel**, vice president of policy analysis and general counsel, Pew Center on Global Climate Change; **Margo Thorning**, chief economist, American Council for Capital Formation; **Gabriel Stein**, director, Lombard Street Research; and **Greg Valliere**, chief policy strategist, the Soleil Group.

#### **PRESS REGISTRATION**

An online press registration form is available at: [www.nabe.com/press/2010pcreg.cfm](http://www.nabe.com/press/2010pcreg.cfm)

#### **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

A regularly updated conference program may be found at: <http://www.nabe.com/pc10/program.html>

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For more information regarding press attendance at the NABE 2009 Washington Economic Policy Conference, please contact NABE Press Officer Melissa Golding on 571-236-2820 or [melissag@nabe.com](mailto:melissag@nabe.com)

###