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HOUSTON: September 17, 2008 -- alliantgroup, L.P. today announced that it will be sponsoring the first Midwest Tax Conference, specifically designed for owners of any size companies and the CPAs who advise them.

The conference will focus on government initiatives that affect the nation as a whole and the Midwest region specifically, including tax relief for flood zones, rural/energy tax provisions, employment zones, research and development credits, and the upcoming presidential election.

When: Friday, October 17, 2008, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Sheraton West Des Moines, West Des Moines, IA

Keynote Speaker: Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-IA)

Long recognized as the nation's top legislator in taxes, Senator Grassley is expected to discuss the U.S. Congress' legislative efforts to make domestic businesses more competitive on an international landscape through the use of tax credits and incentives. This is a tremendous opportunity for CPAs to hear first-hand the outlook for taxes and to bring back information to their clients directly from those responsible for the tax code. Business owners will learn how to take advantage of tax incentives - and what's coming.

Other Guest Speakers include:

- * Jay Adkisson, author of *Adkisson's Captive Insurance Companies: A Guide to Closely Held Insurance Companies and Risk retention Groups*
- * Jim Lyons, Tax Counsel, Senate Finance Committee
- * John Dillon, former Chairman and CEO, International Paper Co.
- * Roger McEowen, Dolezal Professor in Agricultural Law and Director of the ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation at Iowa State University
- * Dean Zerbe, former Tax Counsel, Senate Finance Committee; Senior Tax Counsel to Senator Grassley; currently National Managing Director at alliantgroup
- * Other experts in tax law and government credits and incentives

According to Dean Zerbe, "Too often only the largest companies, advised by the big four accounting firms, take advantage of the law to reduce their taxes. Tomorrow's Fortune 1000 companies need to ensure that they are not at a disadvantage with their competitors when it comes to taxes."

Topics of General Sessions and Breakouts:

- * The Presidential Elections and Taxes
- * The R&D Tax Credit
- * Tax Relief for Flood Zones
- * Captive Insurance Companies
- * Farm Income Tax Topics
- * State tax Issues - Sales & Use Tax and Employment Credits
- * Estate Tax Planning
- * Export Incentives
- * Current Accounting/Tax Issues

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