

**INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS TO ASSIST THOSE MAKING  
PRESENTATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND REVENUE  
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

**January 7, 8, and 15, 2009**

We are grateful for your willingness to appear before our committee, and thank you for your commitment to our state and its citizens. The most important part of the committee's mission is to make an overall assessment of Idaho's economic outlook and the General Fund revenues for FY 2009 and FY 2010. In order to help guide your presentation to key areas of committee interest, please be prepared to address the questions in the second group, below, which are specific to your field of expertise. The first group of general questions may be ignored if it is outside the presenter's area of expertise.

**General Questions**

1. How will the Idaho economy perform in the remainder of FY 2009 (January 2009 to June 2009) and FY 2010 (July 2009 to June 2010), and what impact will this likely have on state tax revenues?
2. How will the national economy perform in the remainder of FY 2009 (January 2009 to June 2010) and FY 2010 (July 2009 to June 2010), and how will this affect Idaho?
3. What areas of the economy will be strong over the next 18 months? Which areas will be weak?
4. How will your industry and company perform over the next 18 months?
5. Do you know of any companies that are planning on moving operations into or out of Idaho in the next 18 months?
6. What policies should Idaho follow to promote economic growth and higher wages?

**Specific Questions**

1. What is going on in the financial markets?
2. What is the status of the capital market and bond returns?
3. Is the federal bailout of banks, mortgage lenders, and insurance companies wise?
4. How is the availability of credit impacting businesses?
5. Is the bailout of the U.S. domestic automobile industry wise?
6. Are proposed state stimulus packages wise?
7. What role does the national debt play in the financial markets?
8. How are fuel prices affecting the markets?
9. How is the real estate collapse impacting the stock market?
10. How do you see the stock market performing over the next 18 months?
11. How is PERSI performing through the recession?
12. To what extent are state tax collections related to the stock market?
13. What is the state of personal debt? Where should individuals be putting their money?