

**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 beautiful 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 2009) 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/or 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 be following to promote economic growth and higher wages?

Specific Questions

1. What impact do INL operations have on the Idaho economy? How many people are employed by INL, and what is the annual payroll?
2. Please compare annual INL spending levels in the recent past to the spending levels of today.
3. How are INL spending and employment levels likely to change over the next 18 months?
4. How will INL's role and mission change in the future, and how will this affect spending, payroll, and employment levels?
5. How will INL's federally-designated role in nuclear energy technology impact the Idaho economy? Describe any major projects or plans.
6. To what extent will alternative sources of energy contribute toward Idaho's energy independence in the future? Are these sources dependent on expanded pipeline and transmission capabilities? Is INL working on energy transmission issues?
7. To what extent is INL engaged in developing energy technologies that are not dependent on expanded transmission capabilities?