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## National Meeting of State Financial Officers in Indianapolis, IN to Feature Tamika Catchings, and Gov. Mike Pence

Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell to host event

(MISSION, KS) – The State Financial Officers Foundation (SFOF) is proud to host its Spring National Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, on April 14-15, 2016 at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott. Announced speakers include featured keynote speaker Tamika Catchings, retired WNBA champion and three-time Olympic gold medal winner and Indiana Governor Mike Pence. Other speakers during the meeting include financial guru Peter Dunn, also known as "Pete the Planner," and Johnathan Williams with the American Legislative Exchange Council and co-author of "Rich States Poor States."

"There is no better person to kick off our spring meeting in the Hoosier state than Tamika Catchings," said Derek Kreifels, President of the State Financial Officers Foundation. "To accomplish all that she has, and then turn her focus to help others succeed is a trait we should all aspire to having. Catchings epitomizes the American dream and what is possible with hard work and persistence."

"We're also honored to have Governor Mike Pence as our final keynote. Indiana is blessed to have a governor that takes fiscal responsibility seriously—having achieved the largest tax cut in Indiana history. Gov. Pence has an exemplary record as a true leader and former member of congress fighting for financial restraint and smaller government and we look forward to hosting him," said Kreifels.

SFOF is the nation's leading conservative foundation committed to bringing together state financial officers with the nation's top private sector companies and organizations. SFOF is founded on the belief that state financial officers can and should play a greater role in promoting conservative, and fiscally responsible, public policy.

The Indianapolis conference will bring state financial officers together with members of the corporate community to discuss some of the nation's largest financial issues. Topics in past meetings have included: pension reform, municipal bankruptcies, 529 College Savings Programs, unclaimed property, financial literacy, banking and finance regulatory reform, and retirement savings issues.



The two day conference will be held at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott.

"It is an honor to host my Treasurer colleagues from across the United States for this year's SFOF Spring Meeting," said Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell. "Indiana and Indianapolis have a lot to offer not only to my fellow Treasurers but other attendees who will be joining us in April."

"Indianapolis is rich not only in history, but also financial and economic opportunities. Indianapolis is an ideal place for financial leaders in state government and the private sector to gather and share ideas about how to best create opportunity for our city, state and nation," said Mitchell.

"I'm thrilled Treasurer Mitchell has agreed to host our meeting in the beautiful city of Indianapolis. Treasurer Mitchell is widely respected among her fellow financial officers for her leadership skills, and for her commitment to financial education and serving as a financial advocate for the taxpayers of Indiana," said Derek Kreifels, President of SFOF.

Previous speakers have included former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, businessman Donald Trump, Jim Clifton, CEO of Gallup, Mary Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight Eisenhower, former New York Governor George Pataki, Stephen Moore, the Heritage Foundation's Chief Economist, James Kemp, President of the Jack Kemp Foundation, and John Sugden, pension expert from Standard & Poors.

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