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TOURISM OFFICE ANNOUNCES 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vancouver, Wash. – The Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office is pleased to announce its newly elected directors and officers for 2011. Effective January 1, 2011, **Carla Rise**, general manager of Residence Inn, assumes the position of Board Chair. **Brian McClary**, director of operations for The Heathman Lodge, will be Vice Chair, and **Kari Jonassen**, general manager of Homewood Suites will be Secretary/Treasurer. **Eric Walters**, general manager of Hilton Vancouver Washington has joined the Board as the newest elected director.

The returning 2011 Board of Directors a as follows:

Jan Bader
*Program & Policy
Development Manager*
City of Vancouver

Justin Kobluk
Executive Director
Clark County Event Center

Cindee Carson
General Manager
Phoenix Inn Suites

Kim Bennett
President and CEO
Vancouver USA Regional
Tourism Office

Kelly Sills
Economic Development Manager
Clark County

Elson Strahan
President and CEO
Fort Vancouver National Trust

Alison Hite
General Manager
Springhill Suites by Marriott

Patrick Quinlan
General Manager
Red Lion Hotel at the Quay

Jayson Zimmer
General Manager
Staybridge Suites

About Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office

Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office (formerly Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau) is an economic development organization responsible for competitively marketing Vancouver and the surrounding area as a destination for meetings, conventions, and group and leisure travelers. The organization's mission is to promote Vancouver and Clark County by increasing convention and visitor business. For more information call 360-750-1553, or log on to www.VisitVancouverUSA.com.

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