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Greg Porter of Berntson Porter & Company Selected To Meet with IRS Commissioner Douglas H. Shulman

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON – December 02, 2010 – Gregory S. Porter, President of Wealth Management and Consulting at Berntson Porter & Company, PLLC, was one of only fourteen CPAs from across the United States selected to meet with IRS Commissioner Douglas H. Shulman this past month. The agenda focused on taxes and business, with an emphasis on bringing a new voice to policymakers. The CPAs were in Washington, D.C. for a two-day summit hosted by alliantgroup of Houston, Texas.



Joined by Washington state-based Greg Porter were frontline accountants from New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Georgia, Illinois, Virginia, Minnesota and Arizona. They described the current tax atmosphere for America's small and medium-sized business population as continuing to be challenging. They encouraged IRS Commissioner Shulman to play a greater leadership role in recognizing business owners and the companies they run as fundamental to America's economic recovery.

Greg Porter reviewed the summit, saying, "Overall, the meeting was certainly productive as both sides agreed that a follow-up meeting between middle-market CPA firms, small and medium-sized businesses and the IRS would be beneficial to all parties." He added, "The IRS was very interested in hearing what we had to say, as we represented a market segment which had been ignored by previous administrations."

The group engaged in a wide-ranging discussion covering many topics such as the impact of the economy on businesses, compliance issues, tax penalties, and uncertain tax positions.

The multi-state CPAs commended the IRS Commissioner for his outreach and urged that he follow through on the group's request for more clarity on forthcoming tax legislation, tax positioning and disclosure requirements.

About Berntson Porter & Company, PLLC

Berntson Porter & Company, PLLC, founded in 1985, is a premier Certified Public Accounting and business consulting firm based in Bellevue, WA. It serves closely-held businesses and their owners throughout the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and California.

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