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Department of Finance Seeks Comments from Licensees and Registrants for Improvements in Licensing and Registration Processes

(Boise) – The Idaho Department of Finance announced today that before the end of June it will be reaching out by email and U.S. Mail to thousands of individuals licensed to provide financial services in Idaho to seek input on the department's licensing processes. Information on how licensees can provide input will also be available on the department's website, www.finance.idaho.gov.

"The department licenses thousands of professionals who provide valuable financial services to Idahoans," said Acting Director Mary Hughes. "Although the department is obliged to meet minimal legal requirements for licensing individuals who provide professional financial services, we want to make certain that the department's processes do not create unnecessary barriers to commerce or employment."

On May 19, 2017, Acting Governor Brad Little issued <u>Executive Order 2017-06</u> directing a statewide review of individual licensing requirements within the executive branch of Idaho's government.

"The mission of the Idaho Department of Finance is to aggressively promote access to vigorous, healthy and comprehensive financial services for Idahoans," said Hughes. "The department has a proud history of fostering open and candid communications with the individuals it licenses, and we look forward to full participation in the important undertaking of reviewing the state's licensing processes for individuals engaged in professional, technical, and occupational endeavors."

Consumers can obtain information about financial firms, professionals or products, as well as view more Department press releases and other information on the Internet at www.finance.idaho.gov or by contacting the Department at (208) 332-8000 or Idaho toll-free at 1-888-346-3378.