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**Outlook 2008 Forum**  
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The Wyoming Business Alliance's annual Economic Outlook forum will take place on Tuesday, May 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This year's forum will focus on three major areas: the National economy and recession scenarios; Wyoming's trends and outlooks—statewide and regionally; and state spending obligations and dependence on minerals revenue going forth.

According to Mike Ceballos, Chairman of the Alliance, "Wyoming is at a critical crossroads. Strategic planning needs to take place today, while Wyoming's economy remain relatively strong. National issues—gas prices, credit and lending constraints, spiraling costs of living for housing, food, and utilities—are Wyoming issues, too. They are not going to go away."

The Conference's Luncheon Keynote address will be given by Ken Goldstein, the lead Economic Forecaster for the Conference Board with offices in New York and Brussels. The prestigious Conference Board connects 2000 companies in 60 countries worldwide. According to their April 14 news release, CEO Confidence posted a sharp decline in the fourth quarter of 2007 and again in the first quarter of 2008—the weakest Measure posting since 2000.

Brent Hathaway, Dean of the University of Wyoming School of Business, and Buck McVeigh, Director of the state's Division of Economic Analysis will present state and regional perspectives from 1:35 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. State Senate Vice President Jim Anderson and House Majority Whip Ed Buchanan will address state spending obligations and revenue needs going forth from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The May 6 Economic Outlook forum is sponsored by the Wyoming Business Alliance. Registration is \$65.00 and includes lunch. The forum begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Best Western Ramkota in Casper.

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