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NCUA Hosts Access Across America Summit in Tampa, FL.

Board Member Hyland Focuses on Innovation and Providing "Tools You Can Use."

Alexandria, VA, March 7, 2007 – National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Board Member Gigi Hyland hosted an Access Across America Economic Summit in Tampa, FL., on Tuesday. Access Across America was established to promote partnership opportunities with federal agencies and facilitate the extension of affordable financial services to individuals, communities, and underserved areas across America.

The summit provided hands-on, "tools you can use" education to credit union management, staff and board volunteers. Key topics included:

- payday lending alternatives;
- volunteer income tax assistance (VITA);
- check cashing, savings, innovation, and other services; and
- NCUA's perspective regarding examination issues.

Joining Board Member Hyland at the summit were speakers and panelists: Gary Kohn, Senior Policy Advisor to NCUA Board Member Hyland; Guy Hood, President, Florida Credit Union League; Lois Kitsch, REAL Solutions Program Director, National Credit Union Foundation; Kirk Chewing, EVP, TranDotCom Solutions, Kennesaw, GA; Tom Dorety, CEO, Suncoast Schools FCU, Tampa, FL; Michael T. Wade, Acting Chief, Financial Institution Partnerships in the Wage and Investment Operating Division of the Internal Revenue Service, Atlanta, GA; Ed Jacob, Manager, North Side Community FCU, Chicago, IL; Rick Stout, Sr. VP/Retail Services/Corporate Development, Charter Oak FCU, Groton, CT; Cynthia Prestandrea, CEO, Prince George's Community FCU, Upper Marlboro, MD; Tansley Steams, CME, CSE, VP, Sales and Service, Best Source CU, Pontiac, MI; Sharon Daigle, Supervisory Examiner, NCUA Region III; and David Freeman, Supervisory Examiner, NCUA Region III. To view the complete agenda, please visit NCUA's website at [click here](#).

"Access Across America summits are wide ranging and interactive examinations of the options available to credit unions," stated Board Member Hyland. "My goal for the Tampa summit was to strive for innovation while providing helpful and useful tools so those attending may enhance service to their members. I was very pleased with the panel discussions and the depth of the information provided, followed by thought provoking questions from the attendees. I appreciate any opportunity to further the critical examination of the issues, particularly those affecting credit unions that are trying to reach out to underserved populations."

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