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William F. Fox is professor of economics at the University of Tennessee and is director in the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER). Dr. Fox is a former president of the National Tax Association and has held appointments as a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and as a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii. He has served as a consultant in approximately 20 countries and ten states.

Currently, Dr. Fox's research focuses on the relationship between public policy and regional growth and on designing appropriate tax policies for rapidly emerging industries. He is frequently invited to speak to legislative committees, national and international businesses, government and academic organizations.

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Javier M. Gonzales is the Santa Fe county commissioner and the first vice president of the National Association of Counties (NACo). As a member of the Santa Fe County Board and NACo's leadership team, he has taken a strong interest in helping counties address the challenges associated with such pressing issues as public safety, economic development, and health care. Mr. Gonzales co-founded La Voz Broadcasting, Inc., New Mexico's largest Spanish language radio station, in the early 1990s and serves as the corporation's chief financial officer. He has served on the New Mexico Association of Counties' Executive Committee. Other high-profile positions include president of the National Association of Hispanic County officials and board member of NACo's Deferred Compensation Advisory Compensation Committee.

ALAN GREENSPAN, *Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*

Alan Greenspan was recently appointed to his fourth four-year term as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Previously, he was chairman and president of the New York consulting firm of Townsend-Greenspan and Co., chairman of President Ford's Council of Economic Advisers, chairman of the National Commission on Social Security Reform, and a member of President Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board. He was also senior adviser to the Brookings Institution's Panel on Economic Activity, consultant to the Congressional Budget Office, and president of the National Association of Business Economists.

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Since 1974, Geoffrey J.D. Hewings has been a professor of geography and regional science, of economics, and of urban and regional planning at the University of Illinois. He is the principal affiliate scientist in the Illinois State Water Survey. Dr. Hewings' research interests center on the development and applications of urban, regional, and interregional economic models under conditions of limited information, with an emphasis on input-output, social accounting and general equilibrium models. He is the president-elect of Regional Science Association International and, prior to this position, served for nearly 20 years as the organization's executive director. Dr. Hewings is also the director of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, a cooperative venture between the University of Illinois and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

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Thomas M. Hoenig is president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and a member of the Federal Open Market Committee. He joined the bank in 1973 as an economist and assumed the role of president in October 1991. He directs Federal Reserve activities in the seven-state Tenth Federal Reserve District—an area that includes Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, northern New

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Since 1991, Martin C. Jischke has been the president of Iowa State University. Before joining Iowa State University, he served as the president of the University of Missouri-Rolla for five years. Dr. Jischke has a background in aeronautics and astronautics and has served research fellowships with NASA and the Donald W. Douglas Laboratory. From 1975 to 1976, he served as a White House Fellow and Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation. In 1993, he received the Centennial Medallion from the American Society of Engineering Education. Dr. Jischke serves on a number of boards, including the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the American Council on Education, Kerr-McGee Corporation, Bankers Trust Company, and the newly created Global Consortium for Higher Education and Research in Agriculture.

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Thomas G. Johnson is the Frank Miller Professor of Agricultural Economics and the director of the Community Policy Analysis Center at the University of Missouri. Dr. Johnson's research areas include rural economic development, fiscal and economic impact analysis, local government finance, and transportation economics. He is currently a co-investigator with faculty at the University of Ulster on the Show-Me Project, which is developing community decision support systems for rural communities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Dr. Johnson has served on a number of state and national committees and task forces. His experience includes serving as a consultant to the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Governors' Association, the Government Finance Officers' Association, the Council of State Governments, and the governments of Canada, Ireland, and the Czech Republic. He has served on two editorial boards and has published two books and more than 100 articles and chapters.

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Terry Jorde is the president and chief executive officer of CountryBank USA. She began her career in 1979, at Towner County State in Cando, North Dakota, and became the bank's first female president and chief executive officer in 1990. In 1998, Towner County State Bank changed its name to CountryBank USA. Ms. Jorde is currently chairman of the Community Banking Network, the parent company for the Independent Community Bankers Association's (ICBAs) for profit subsidiaries. In her community, Ms. Jorde is a business development leader, serving on the board of directors for the Durum Triangle Economic Development Corporation and the Towner County Medical Center, and as chairman of the Cando Community Development Board. Her leadership experience includes serving as a member of the Consumer Advisory Council, as the first female member of the ICBA's Executive Committee, as chairman of the ICBA's Agriculture-Rural America committee, and as president of the Independent Community Bankers of North Dakota.

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Jill Long Thompson is the Under Secretary for Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Among other responsibilities, she chairs the Multiple Agency Command that coordinates federal agencies' work on President Clinton's Pacific Northwest Adjustment Initiative. Ms. Long Thompson previously served six years in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she was appointed to the House Agriculture Committee and served as vice chair of the Environment, Credit, and Rural Development Subcommittee, and as chair of the Congressional Rural Caucus. Her experience includes serving as a Fellow at the Institute of Politics in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Before her election to Congress, she was an assistant professor of Business Administration at Valparaiso University and an adjunct professor at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Commodity Credit Corporation, the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, and the USDA Graduate School.

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Allen I. Olson is the president and chief executive officer of the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota. Mr. Olson has been admitted to the practice of law in the states of North Dakota and Minnesota, the Federal District Court of North Dakota, United States Military Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He has served as the appellate and trial counsel for the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (1963-67), the attorney general for North Dakota (1972-80) and the governor of North Dakota (1980-84). Mr. Olson currently serves on the board of directors for Allina Health System, as chairman of the board of directors for the Red River Trade Council, Inc., and as board trustee for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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