

GTH-GA welcomes the World Trade Center Tacoma as newest association management client

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**New Executive Director at World Trade Center Tacoma**

**TACOMA, WA - May 19, 2008** - James McMahan, of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs office, will take the leadership helm at the World Trade Center Tacoma (WTC Tacoma). Members of WTC Tacoma's Executive Committee and Board of Directors conducted a statewide search, after six months of reviewing the organization's strategic plan. McMahan replaces Andreas Udbye, who left the post to pursue other community-based endeavors.

McMahan brings nearly ten years experience in contract lobbying and contract association management, working with clients in economic development, local government and utilities, law enforcement, automotive repair, transportation and freight mobility. As Executive Director of the World Trade Center Tacoma, McMahan will be charged with conducting community outreach, increasing the Tacoma-Pierce County community's accessibility to information regarding international trade, program and event management, and execution of the WTC Tacoma work plan.

McMahan's selection as the WTC Tacoma Executive Director marks the first time in the organization's history that the executive director will serve by contract.

McMahan will begin working with the WTC Tacoma effectively immediately.

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