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**Portland Business Alliance releases candidate questionnaires for
Portland City Council Position #1 race**

Commissioner Fritz, Representative Nolan weigh in on the issues that impact jobs

Portland, Ore. – Today, the Portland Business Alliance released the first set of General Election candidate questionnaires that are published on its Value of Jobs website. The responses show how the two candidates for Portland City Council Position #1, Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Representative Mary Nolan, approach issues important to job creation, business and the overall health of the city. The Alliance issued the questionnaires to better gauge candidates' positions, inform the Alliance's endorsement process and serve as a resource for voters.

"These questionnaires allow us to engage with candidates on the issues that impact jobs and provide our member businesses a better understanding of the candidates' positions, which may affect their business and our region's overall health," said Sandra McDonough, president and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance.

Through its Value of Jobs campaign, the Alliance has sharpened its focus on private-sector job creation and retention. These questionnaires are part of that effort to demonstrate the connection between private-sector jobs and a healthy region with quality public services. In 2010, the Alliance launched its campaign that includes a series of studies about how the region's economy is faring. Its initial study, done in partnership with other business groups, showed declining wages and per capita income in the Portland-metro area compared to the national average and other peer metro areas.

An action plan, developed in coordination with more than 140 public and private-sector leaders, was created in 2011. The issues included in the candidate questionnaires reflect the policy recommendations in the plan as well as other critical policies impacting small business, transportation, land use and the central city.

Along with Portland City Council candidates, questionnaires were sent to candidates for Portland mayor, State Labor Commissioner and Clackamas County Commission. The next round of questionnaires will be released shortly.

The candidate questionnaires can be found on the Alliance's Value of Jobs website: http://www.valueofjobs.com/candidate_ques/index.html. The Alliance has not endorsed in this race and did not take a position in the primary.

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About the Alliance

The Portland Business Alliance is Greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce, with nearly 1,200 businesses in the region. The Portland Business Alliance's mission is to promote and foster an environment in the Portland region that attracts, supports and retains private sector jobs, spurs economic vitality and enables quality educational opportunities for the region's residents. Visit www.portlandalliance.com for more information.