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North Carolina State Treasurer Janet Cowell to Deliver Closing Keynote

Address at Women's Alternative Investment Summit

Lexington, MA, November 23, 2009... Janet Cowell, Treasurer, State of North Carolina, will deliver the closing keynote address at the inaugural Women's Alternative Investment Summit on December 2, 2009 at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City. Treasurer Cowell's remarks are entitled "Transparency, Ethics, and Accountability in Public Pension Funds." Her 5:45 pm keynote address is a fitting ending to the Summit, whose theme is "Alternative Investment in the Age of Transparency."

Publicly elected in 2008 as the first woman to win the post of North Carolina's Treasurer, Cowell oversees more than \$70 billion in state investments, including \$60 billion in pension fund investments, \$12 billion in short-term cash investments for state agencies, universities, community colleges and trust funds, and \$4 billion in 401(k)/457 supplemental retirement funds.

Cowell is at the forefront of economic development in North Carolina, serving as chair of the State Banking Commission and on the boards of State Education and Community Colleges. An investment professional, Cowell earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business and a Master's degree in International Studies from the Lauder Institute. She worked as a financial analyst with HSBC Bank and Lehman Brothers before making her home in North Carolina.

The Women's Alternative Investment Summit is designed to enhance networking, fundraising, and deal-making opportunities for senior-level professionals across the broad spectrum of alternative investments: Private Equity, Venture Capital, Hedge Funds, Real Estate, and Infrastructure.

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