

Outsourcing Professionals Hold Kick-off Meeting of Pacific Northwest Chapter

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The new International Association of Outsourcing Professionals' Pacific Northwest chapter will alternate meetings in Seattle and Portland. The first meeting is Jan. 8., 3:30 p.m., at the W Hotel in Seattle.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. – The growth in outsourcing in the Pacific Northwest region has led to the formation of a chapter of the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

The new chapter will hold a kick-off meeting on Jan. 8, 2008, 3:30 p.m. (PST), at the W Hotel, 1112 4th Ave., Seattle. The April meeting will move to Portland, Oregon and the chapter will continue alternating between the two cities throughout the year.

IAOP Chairman Michael Corbett will review the state of the outsourcing industry and the emerging role of outsourcing professionals as leaders of organizational transformation. He will also share ways that IAOP is helping outsourcing professionals deliver better, more consistent outcomes for their companies.

The agenda also will include a panel discussion on the future of outsourcing with participants from Safeco Insurance, Nike, ADP, CSC and PricewaterhouseCoopers; as well as a presentation on effective outsourcing transitions by Kurt Kohorst, AVP Business Process Outsourcing Programs for Safeco.

“The IAOP Pacific Northwest Chapter will bring together outsourcing customers, providers and advisors from various industries in a collaborative environment to educate, share ideas and network with the goal of delivering strategic value to the participants and their companies,” said Jeni Stamas, IAOP Managing Director of Membership.

The IAOP Pacific Northwest Chapter is chaired by PricewaterhouseCoopers and co-chaired by Safeco Insurance in Seattle and Nike in Portland. The event is free and open to users, advisors and providers of outsourcing services who are individual or corporate members of IAOP or their guests. The forum will be highly interactive and will generate topics and issues to explore during future chapter meetings.

To register for the meeting, e-mail IAOP's chapter coordinator at:
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IAOP has more than 40,000 members and 30 chapters around the world, based on geography and specialty outsourcing segments.

About IAOP

The International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP) is the global, standard-setting organization and advocate for the outsourcing profession. With 40,000 customer, advisor and provider members world-wide, IAOP helps companies increase their outsourcing success rate, improve their outsourcing ROI, and expand the opportunities for outsourcing across their businesses. To learn, more visit www.outsourcingprofessional.org.

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