



## Associated Employers Trust and Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce join to offer new health insurance benefit for members

(Spokane, Wash. April 23, 2010) Kim Capeloto, the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (GVCC) President & CEO, announced this week the GVCC has joined a statewide alliance offering an employee benefit program through Associated Employers Trust (AET).



“Approximately 80 percent of our Chamber members are small- to medium-sized businesses,” Kim Capeloto explained, “providing affordable healthcare employee benefits is rated as one of our members’ top business concerns. We are so pleased that – through our alliance with AET – we will now be able to give our members the buying power and affordable options they need to attract and retain a quality workforce. And in the process, we’re helping our small businesses succeed.”

Associated Employers Trust, founded in 1952, is headquartered in Spokane, Wash. “AET was established as an innovative alternative for small employers to purchase medical coverage,” offered Senior Vice-President Ted Blotsky. “Since then, the Trust has grown to offer numerous benefit plans covering medical, dental, vision, life insurance, disability, wellness, long-term disability, accidental death and dismemberment and more.”

AET’s services now extend to over 600 member companies insuring thousands of their employees and families throughout Washington State, Blotsky said. “Some of our members have been with the Trust for more than 40 years.”

“GVCC member companies who employ 5 to 199 employees will have access to a full range of employee benefits from some of the state’s most respected carriers including UnitedHealthcare, Washington Dental Service, Vision Service Plan, Unimerica Life and Disability,” said Capeloto. “AET will handle all the administration, including enrollment, eligibility updates and customer service.”

The new member benefits will be available starting June 1, 2010. Enrollment information is available by contacting Darcy Altizer at 360-567-1051 or [daltizer@vancouverusa.com](mailto:daltizer@vancouverusa.com). More information is available online at [www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com) (Click on Member Services/Insurance & Employee Benefits.)

### About the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce has served the Southwest Washington business community since 1890. The Chamber is an alliance of member businesses, individuals and organizations who join together to support business. The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce is the heart of the Clark County business community. For more information about our organization, visit [www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com). The GVCC office is located in beautiful downtown Vancouver, WA USA at 1101 Broadway, Suite 100.

**About Associated Employers Trust**

Hundreds of member companies – representing thousands of employees and their families throughout the Inland Northwest – contract with Associated Employers Trust (AET) to provide their employees with quality healthcare and disability programs. Associated Employers Trust also administers Cafeteria 125 plans, Transportation Benefit plans and Health Reimbursement Arrangement plans. For more information about our organization, visit [www.aetbenefits.com](http://www.aetbenefits.com). The AET office is located in downtown Spokane, WA at 1206 N. Lincoln, Suite 200.

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