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SEC's Schapiro, Goldman Sachs CEO Blankfein to Speak at Council of Institutional Investors' Spring Conference

Washington, D.C., March 24, 2009 — Mary L. Schapiro, the new chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Lloyd C. Blankfein, Chairman & CEO of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., are among a bevy of high-profile financial experts who will speak at the spring meeting of the Council of Institutional Investors. The April 5-7, 2009, conference, "Change²," will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

Speeches and panel discussions at the three-day meeting will focus on the global credit crisis, what's next for financial markets and corporate governance. Experts also will share their thoughts about what changes are needed to jumpstart the U.S. and overseas economies and restore confidence in the integrity of the financial markets.

Other speakers at the meeting are:

Liaquat Ahamed, author, [Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World](#)
Beth Almeida, executive director, National Institute on Retirement Security
Mark A. Borges, principal, Compensia
Stijn Claessens, assistant director & division chief, International Monetary Fund
Frederic W. Cook, founding director, Frederic W. Cook & Co.
David M. Gardiner, senior advisor, Ceres
Alan Johnson, managing director, Johnson Associates
Kevin Parker, global head of Deutsche Asset Management
Peter D. Schiff, president and chief global strategist, Euro Pacific Capital
Jeffrey A. Smith, partner, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
Kevin M. Warsh, member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Ivy Zelman, CEO, Zelman & Associates

You may view the full agenda here on the spring meeting page of the Council's Web site, www.cii.org

NOTE TO REPORTERS/EDITORS: The meeting is open to the media, but ONLY POOLED CAMERA COVERAGE will be permitted and must be confirmed in advance. ALL MEDIA ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE. To register, please contact Lei Harding, the Council's meetings & event manager, at lei@cii.org

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