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## **“State of Downtown Boise” Annual Meeting – April 19, 2006**

(Boise, April 12, 2006) The “State of Downtown” 19th Annual Meeting will take place on **April 19th, 2006 7:30 – 9:00am** at the Grove Hotel hosted by the Downtown Boise Association and co-presented by Capital City Development Corporation, the City of Boise and Sysco Food Services of Idaho. The event focuses on the current issues impacting downtown and the plans to remain competitive and vibrant in the future.

**The Keynote Speaker**, Neal Peirce is a lead writer, among American journalists, on metropolitan regions, their political and economic dynamics their emerging national and global roles. He wrote a 10-book series on America's states and regions culminating in *The Book of America: Inside 50 States Today* (W.W. Norton, 1983). In 1975, Peirce began, and continues today, the United States' first national column focused on state and local government themes, syndicated by the Washington Post Writers Group.

With Curtis Johnson, he has co-authored the Citistates Reports on compelling issues of metropolitan futures for leading newspapers in 21 regions across the nation. Peirce was lead author of the 1993 book, *Citistates*. Currently he is chairman of the Citistates Group, a network of journalists, speakers and consultants who believe that **successful metropolitan regions are today's key to economic competitiveness and sustainable communities**.

**To register for the event, visit [www.downtownboise.org](http://www.downtownboise.org) or call 208-472-5251.**