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**Geoff Hamilton to speak at Annual Grants Managers Network Conference**

Fort Collins, Colo., January 17, 2011 – Nonprofit online grant technology expert Geoff Hamilton, President and Founder of ZoomGrants™, will be speaking on March 22 for the 6th Annual Grants Managers Network (GMN) Conference, "Brewing Bold Ideas for an Innovative Future" in Seattle, Washington. Hamilton will be speaking on "Intuitive Grantmaking That Grows Your Triple Bottom Line."

Developed by the GMN, the conference is recognized as the only national convention specifically tailored to grantmaking operations. The conference will cover core grants management, technology, professional development and emerging issues in the grants managers community.

According to the GMN, their annual conference brings together grants management professionals from across the nation to discuss important trends and learn new skills. Participants will receive resources that they can take back to their organizations and use to improve their grantmaking operations. The professional connections made at the conference provide participants with a peer community that offers advice, problem solving support, ideas, and resources to enhance job performance.

Given the increased pressure to do more with less, the GMN expects the 2011 conference to engage even more grantmakers than the more than 370 participants in 2010, representing private, corporate, and community grantmakers.

Of his participation in the conference, Hamilton said, "Quite simply, we want the grant process to be better than it has ever been before. That means using available technology to streamline the grant proposal process, making it more efficient, more cost effective, and easier to manage by letting the technology handle the routine mundane and costly tasks."

Hamilton will utilize his years in working hands on with the technology during his seminar. He will share his ideas and concepts for the variety of uses of ZoomGrants™ technology to best fit clients needs in order for them to succeed in the increasingly demanding grants management community.

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"We should all come to this conference with questions to ask in order to walk away refreshed and ready to tackle any obstacles that may have prevented us from being more successful," said Hamilton. "It is through the interaction in my seminar that I hope to engage participants and give them the tools necessary for greater success when utilizing technology."

The conference is divided into 'tracks' to help attendees focus on specific areas within the grant management arena. There are a Technology track, a Core Grants Management track, a Professional Development track and an Emerging Issues track.

2011 Sponsors include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, California Wellness Foundation, Campion Foundation, Ford Foundation, Green Bay Packers, Kansas Health Foundation, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, among others.

ZoomGrants™ is designed for grantmaking organizations including private foundations; corporate foundations; federal grants like CDBG grants and HOME grants; federal, state and local agencies; community foundations; donor advised funds; local clubs and giving circles; and college scholarships.

The technology promotes a lower environmental impact than the typical grant process given near elimination of paper or photocopying. Lost attachments and streamlined communications are also client benefits, as well as the 24/7 access to the technology.

The improved community impact also reflects in the shift from administrative support to program support, as well as increased grantmaking capacity.

Hamilton is Founder and President of ZoomGrants™, a company that was founded in 2002 and is headquartered in Colorado. Their technology is utilized with three specific users of the online grant process, including applicants for proposal submission; funding committees, to review and recommend applicants; grant administrators who finalize decisions; and recipients who receive the funding.

Hamilton received a Master of Business Administration from Colorado State University and a B.S. in Exercise and Sport Science from C.S.U.

For more information about ZoomGrants™, please call 970.223.5404 or visit the Website at [www.zoomgrants.com](http://www.zoomgrants.com).

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Our Vision: As a triple bottom line company, ZG focuses on saving money and natural resources for clients while increasing their social capacity in the community.

Management and maintenance of a paper process, or even a system that requires applicants to email their documents, is outdated, costly, and time-consuming. The ZG solution provides the capacity to manage all of the necessary components online in a way that is intuitive, well organized, highly affordable and environmentally sound.

ZG measures success by enabling clients to meet their objective of 'doing more with less' in their community as a result of using ZoomGrants™ for their grant proposal administration.

**About the Grants Manager's Network:** The GMN improves grantmaking by advancing the knowledge, skills and abilities of grants management professionals and leading grantmakers to adopt and incorporate effective practices that benefit the philanthropic community.

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