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GREGORY B. SMITH APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SEATTLE'S CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

SEATTLE - Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) announced the appointment of Gregory B. Smith to the organization's board of directors.

Smith is currently principal of Urban Visions, a privately-held real estate development and brokerage company specializing in civic growth and sustainability and committed to the principles of urbanism. Working with industry, community and environmental leaders, Urban Visions is dedicated to helping build a better place to live and work.

"We're pleased to welcome Greg to the bureau's board of directors," said Don Welsh, President & CEO of Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Greg's expertise in urbanism, growth management and sustainability, as well as his knowledge of downtown Seattle's past, present and future development, will bolster our efforts to improve upon a destination that is recognized as first class by leisure, business and convention travelers."

Greg Smith is a long-time advocate for sustainability within the real estate and design industries and has been involved with many Seattle area community, political and environmental organizations. He was previously with Martin Smith Development Corporation, a division of Martin Smith, Inc., which was founded by his father in 1948.

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Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit economic development agency responsible for competitively marketing Seattle as a destination for meeting and convention groups

and leisure travelers. Visitors spend \$3.97 billion in Seattle and King County annually, contributing \$342 million in state and local tax revenues. Direct visitor spending benefits hotels, retailers, restaurants, attractions, transportation services and other businesses, and supports jobs for nearly 60,000 people in the Seattle region.

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