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South Florida Traders Conference Includes Munis

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BRADENTON, Fla. — The South Florida Bond Traders Association's upcoming conference includes issues of interest to municipal bond market participants for the first time in the three years the group has sponsored the event.

The conference, Feb. 6-8 at the Mizner Center in Boca Raton, also features sessions on other fixed-income securities and is open to all who are interested, according to SFBTA President George Barbar.

"We are pleased to expand the conference this year to include municipals, and we are looking forward to another great event," said Barbar, senior managing director in institutional sales and trading at Mesirow Financial Inc.

Sessions on the "State of Muni Insurance" and "Muni Market Post 2013's High Profile Issues" were added this year because the association has more interest in this segment of the market, he said.

More than 300 industry professionals from across the country in both the taxable and tax-exempt markets are expected to attend the event, which includes an economic update by Carl Tannenbaum, senior vice president and chief economist at Northern Trust, and a keynote address by Tom Ricketts, chairman of the Chicago Cubs and Incapital LLC.

More details on the conference can be found at www.SouthFloridaBondTraders.org/2014-conference.

The SFBTA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose members are investment and trading professionals in South Florida, which is generally defined as Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties though exceptions can be made for industry participants in other areas of the region.