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PRESS RELEASE

Lincoln Investment and Shelgren Financial Group Announce Joint Venture

Wyncote, PA, February 9, 2009 — Lincoln Investment has announced the formation of a joint venture with the principals of Shelgren Financial Group, Inc., headquartered in Renton, Washington. Ed Forst, President of Lincoln Investment, said "The similar cultures, values and market focus of Shelgren and Lincoln Investment make this a very successful alliance for everyone involved."

"Lincoln's **RetirementSOLUTIONS** program brings to Shelgren Financial Group associates the ability and ease to diversify our clients' investments in today's complex economy," said Steve Shelgren, President of Shelgren Financial Group, Inc.

Lincoln Investment and Shelgren Financial are committed to the philosophy that ethical and investor-focused practices are essential for business success. Both firms are leaders in the 403(b) marketplace. They share the operating principle that financial well-being is accessible to all hard-working Americans through the expert guidance of independent financial professionals and high-quality, diversified investment choices.

Lincoln Investment, based in the greater Philadelphia area, is a full-service broker/dealer and registered investment advisor serving the diverse financial needs of about 125,000 individual investors representing over \$5 billion in assets. Lincoln Investment is a leading provider of 403(b) retirement plans for employees of more than 2,000 school districts, universities, hospitals and other non-profit and community-based organizations.

Shelgren Financial Group, Inc. with offices in Renton and Tacoma, Washington, is a retirement planning consulting firm and registered investment advisor serving the needs of over 15,000 individual investors representing over \$500 million in assets. Since its inception in 1984, Shelgren has assisted thousands of clients with financial planning services.

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