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Municipal Analysts Group of New York Announces January Meeting

The Municipal Analysts Group of New York is pleased to announce its January meeting:

Can I interest you in a Bridge? Or Tunnel? How about a Toll Road?

This panel discussion on the sale of governmental assets will feature:

- Robert Poole, Director of Transportation (and founder and former President), The Reason Foundation, and
- Philip Villaluz, Vice President Global Securities Research and Economics, Merrill Lynch & Co.
- Bob Rich, Public Financial Management

For local governments looking to close funding gaps, the payment the City of Chicago received for the Calumet Skyway is tough to ignore. Bob Poole of The Reason Foundation, which has issued a report that advocates such sales, will discuss the foundation's position, and Phil Villaluz of Merrill Lynch will comment on his recent report that details the value of such financing schemes. Bob Rich will discuss his experience with agencies considering these kinds of financings.

DATE AND TIME:

Friday, January 20 Doors open 11:30 a.m. for cocktails Luncheon and speakers from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Yale Club - 50 Vanderbilt (across from Grand Central)

COST:

\$50 for members, \$60 for non-members All drinks, including soft drinks, are \$5 extra

RSVP:

<u>Reservations are required!</u> Please contact Lockette Hartz at 212/261-5518 or send her an email at <u>Lhartz@assuredguaranty.com</u> Checks and cash ONLY will be accepted for payment at the door.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Reservations can be cancelled as late as Wednesday, January 18 by emailing or calling Lockette Hartz. Feel free to substitute other members of your firm. No-shows will be billed. We appreciate your cooperation.

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