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**Local RBC Wealth Management Financial Advisor Cindy Runger Balas
Co-Chairs Select National Women’s Conference**

SEATTLE (October 21, 2011) – Local RBC Wealth Management (RBC WM) financial advisor Cindy Runger Balas recently co-chaired the firm’s Women’s Association of Financial Advisors (WAFA) conference, held September 12-14 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

In 1991, a group of forward-thinking women sought to connect the firm’s female advisors across the country by creating the WAFA. Today, 20 years later, the group serves as a key contributor to RBC WM’s efforts to attract, retain and increase the productivity of female advisors. The 2011 conference celebrated the WAFA’s milestone 20th anniversary, and Runger Balas worked diligently to coordinate speakers and breakout sessions for over 120 female advisors who gathered from across the country.

The high-energy conference, designed by advisors for advisors, was packed with informative seminars and breakout sessions. Attendees were given ample opportunities to network, share ideas and create long-lasting professional friendships. Each year, advisors who attend the conference report an increase in productivity after implementing the ideas and strategies learned.

“It was a privilege to both coordinate and attend a conference that will help strengthen and support the vast array of services and strategies I provide for my clients,” said Runger Balas. “It was an invaluable forum for connecting with such a strong group of like-minded female peers at RBC WM.”

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