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**Nathan Ayotte Hired as Vice President
and Portfolio Manager**

PORTLAND, Ore. – July 7, 2008 – Ferguson Wellman Capital Management is pleased to announce that Nathan Ayotte has joined the firm as vice president and portfolio manager.

“We’ve been welcoming new clients,” said Ferguson Wellman’s COO, Steve Holwerda. “It’s important to keep our client/employee ratio at a level that provides the best service we can offer them.”

With nine years of experience in the financial industry, Ayotte previously worked as the branch manager for Scottrade’s Park Avenue office in New York City. Prior to Scottrade he was an equity trader at Bidwell & Company in Portland.

An Oregon native, Ayotte earned his B.S. in psychology from the University of Oregon. He is a member of the Stamford CFA Society. He is also a Licensed Series 24 Securities Principal, Series 55 Equity Trader, and Series 4 Options Principal.

Founded in 1975, Ferguson Wellman Capital Management is a privately owned investment advisory firm, established in the Pacific Northwest. With over 500 clients, the firm manages \$2.6 billion in assets that comprise union and corporate retirement plans; endowments and foundations; and individuals with portfolios of \$2 million or more.

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