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Coverage Request
IEDC's Leadership Summit
Turning Today's Economic Challenges into Tomorrow's Successes

WASHINGTON, DC (February 16, 2009) – The International Economic Council (IEDC) will hold its annual Leadership Summit January 25-27, 2009, at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona. The 2009 Leadership Summit in Tempe, Arizona, offers leaders of the economic development profession a chance to join together to analyze, review and discuss the trends impacting their profession. With a focus on identifying opportunities within the current economic struggle, participants will learn how to nurture hidden and existing resources into competitive economic assets for the future. This year theme is Turning Today's Economic Challenges into Tomorrow's Successes.

Attendance is limited to senior managers of economic development organizations and Certified Economic Developers (CEcDs). Scheduled events include engaging seminars, networking opportunities and educational tours. Feature keynote speakers include:

- **Richard Stephens**, Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Administration, The Boeing Company
- **Lori Bird**, Senior Analyst, National Renewable Energy Lab
- **Robert Grow**, Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Robert Grow Consulting
- **Rebecca Ryan**, 2EO, Next Generation Consulting

Participants at the Leadership Summit will explore the conference theme through seminars such as:

- Science in Place: the Future of Innovation
- Fostering Entrepreneurship
- Building Relationships with Newly Elected Officials
- Financing Partnerships with Your Region
- Economic Development in a Volatile Economy

The [International Economic Development Council](http://www.iedconline.org) (IEDC) is the largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping economic developers do their job more effectively and raising the profile of the profession. When we succeed, our members create more high-quality jobs, develop more vibrant communities, and generally improve the quality of life in their regions. For more information about IEDC visit www.iedconline.org.

To attend, please download our **Media Free Registration Form** and fax it back to (202) 223-4745 with attention to Earnestine Jones.

Conference Website: <http://www.iedconline.org/LeadershipSummit/index.html>

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