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### **Coverage Request**

#### **IEDC's Federal Economic Development Forum**

New Administration, New Beginnings: Energizing Communities and the Economy

**WASHINGTON, DC (March 5, 2009)** – The International Economic Council (IEDC) will hold its Federal Economic Development Forum, March 15-17, 2009 at the Westin Alexandria in the Washington, DC metro area. Themed “New Administration, New Beginnings: Energizing Communities and the Economy,” the Forum will feature expert keynote speakers along with sessions covering both the stimulus package and the current changes in Washington.

Taking part in the Forum will be House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC). Representative Clyburn will discuss Congress' legislative priorities for economic development with the nation's leading economic development directors. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) will accept IEDC's Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award and will address the Forum's luncheon. Sen. Landrieu is being honored for her work in small business development as well as her efforts in disaster preparedness.

Feature speakers include:

- Adriel Bettelheim, White House Correspondent, Congressional Quarterly
- Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Peter Scott Roberson, Senior Policy Advisor, Committee on Financial Services, US House of Representatives

IEDC is also offering discussion forums with officials from federal agencies to

discuss the stimulus package as well as programs that impact economic developers. Participating speakers and agencies include:

- Stanley Gimont, Director of Block Grant Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Jennifer Derstine, International Investment Specialist, U.S. Department of Commerce – Invest in America
- Bryan Borlik, Director of Public Affairs (Acting), U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
- David R. Lloyd, Director, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Mark Troppe, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- Kate Bishop, Business Development Officer, Export/Import Bank of the United
- Augustine A. Grace, Senior Business Development Officer, Export/Import Bank of the United States
- Elizabeth Whiteman, Senior Foreign-Trade Zones Analyst, Foreign Trade Zones Board

The [International Economic Development Council \(IEDC\)](#) 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](http://www.iedconline.org).

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

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