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**Nation's Top Federal Leaders in Economic Development to Gather in
Washington, DC for Federal Economic Development Forum**

WASHINGTON, DC (March 20, 2014) – The [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC) will hold its [Federal Economic Development Forum](#), March 23-25, 2014 at the Westin Alexandria in the Washington, DC Metro Area. IEDC's Federal Economic Development Forum is the only annual gathering bringing together top federal economic development policymakers and thought leaders with economic development professionals from across the country.

Policies and programs that support exports, job training, education, attracting investment, access to capital, infrastructure development, and the like have a large economic development role to play and have to succeed with less funding or the threat of less funding. As we are in the second term of the Obama administration, economic developers need to learn how to best engage our leaders in Washington, and IEDC's Federal Forum is the place to do it.

Topics Covered at the Forum Include:

- Workforce Development
- International Affairs & Local Economic Development
- Exports
- Infrastructure Investments
- Disaster Planning & Recovery
- Capital Access
- Entrepreneurship
- Energy
- Rural Development
- Research & Innovation

Keynote Speakers Include:

- [The Honorable Jane Campbell](#), Staff Director, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, Washington, DC
- [The Honorable Mark E. Doms](#), Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.
- [The Honorable Chakka Fattah](#), United States Representative, Pennsylvania's 2nd Congressional District, Washington, D.C.
- [The Honorable Dr. Patrick D. Gallagher](#), Under Secretary for Standards and Technology, Director of the National Institute for Standards and Technology, performing the duties of Deputy Secretary of Commerce, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC
- [The Honorable Earl F. Gohl, Jr.](#), Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, D.C.
- [The Honorable Dr. Cora B. Marrett](#), Acting Director, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA

- [The Honorable Christopher Masingill](#), Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority, Washington, D.C.
- [The Honorable Vinai K. Thummalapally](#), Executive Director, SelectUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Washington, D.C.
- [The Honorable Bill Ritter, Jr.](#), Director, Center for the New Energy Economy, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- [Robert D. Atkinson, PhD](#), President, The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), Washington, D.C.
- [William C. Bates](#), Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, Council on Competitiveness, Washington, D.C.
- [Dan Carol](#), Director of Multi-State and Strategic Initiatives, Office of Governor John Kitzhaber, Salem, OR
- [Mary Sue Coleman, PhD](#), President, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- [James C. Collard, PhD](#), Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, OK
- [Matt Erskine](#), Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development Administration, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.
- [Donna Harris](#), Co-Founder, 1776, Washington, D.C.
- [Michael K. Jackson, MBA, CGBP](#), Director, City/State Partners, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, D.C.
- [Regina Lindsey, CEcD](#), Chief Development Officer, Vice-President, Marketing and Public Affairs, Greenspoint District
- [Michael Masserman](#), Executive Director, Export Policy, Promotion, & Strategy, International Trade Administration, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC
- [Jennifer McNelly](#), President, The Manufacturing Institute, Washington, D.C.
- [Jason S. Miller](#), Special Assistant to the President for Manufacturing Policy, National Economic Council, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
- [Theodore H. Moran, PhD](#), Marcus Wallenberg Chair in International Business and Finance, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- [Patrick J. O'Brien](#), Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, U.S. Department of Defense, Arlington, VA
- [Ronald Painter](#), Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Workforce Boards, Washington, D.C.
- [Luis Proenza, PhD](#), President, University of Akron, Akron, OH
- [Javier E. Saade](#), Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C.
- [Randy Woodson, PhD](#), Chancellor, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

About the International Economic Development Council

The [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other

institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. www.iedconline.org

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