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One Hundred-Plus Executives Meet in DC to Discuss Federal Economic Development
2018 IEDC FED Forum from - March 26-27 on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 26, 2018) – The International Economic Development Council, IEDC, will hold its annual federal economic development forum at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill from March 26-27. Over 150 economic developers from across the United States, including federal program administrators, will discuss topics around the event theme, Building Momentum Together: Federal Economic Development in an Uncertain Time.

Featured Speakers Include:

SHAI AKABAS, Director of Economic Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC
CLARA ASMIAL, Senior Program Manager, Office of Technology Transition, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC
DENNIS ALVORD, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, Economic Development Administration, Washington, DC
KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON, Senator, State of Idaho, Rupert, Idaho
MARVA BRYAN, CEcD, Accounting Manager/Tax Incentive Analyst, Development Authority of Fulton County, Atlanta, GA
CRAIG BUERSTATTE, Director (Acting), Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, U.S. Economic Development Administration, Washington, DC
JANE CAMPBELL, Director Washington Office, National Development Council, Washington, DC
BRETT DONEY, CEcD, President & CEO, Great Falls Development Authority, Inc., Great Falls, MT
KENAN FIKRI, Director of Research and Policy, Economic Innovation Group, Washington, DC
JEFFREY A. FINKLE, CEcD, President and CEO, IEDC, Washington, DC
TRACY FROST, Acting Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) Program, Washington DC
LORI GILLEN, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, Washington, DC
STANLEY H. GIMONT, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC
TODD GREENE, CEcD, Vice President, Community & Economic Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
MIGNONNE HOLLIS, Executive Director, Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation, Sierra Vista, AZ
MARK HOLMAN, Partner, Ridge Policy Group, Washington, DC
KERMIT KALEBA, Federal Policy Director, National Skills Coalition, Washington, DC
Session Titles and Topics Include:

- The State of Federal Economic Development
- Manufacturing Matters
- May the “Workforce” Be with You
- Every Entrepreneurship, Everywhere
- Accessing Business Capital
- The Price of Growth

A Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award and Lifetime Achievement Award will be granted during a Monday Keynote Luncheon. Awards Presenters:

- **Lori Gillen**, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, Washington, DC
- **Phillip A. Singerman**, Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services Office of the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, MD

Federal Leadership in Economic Development Awards Recipient:

- **Patricia Overmeyer**, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC (on behalf of Charles “Charlie” Bartsch (1951-2018))
- **Carroll Thomas**, Director, Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, MD
Release of New Publication
IEDC will also launch an updated version of the comprehensive “Why Invest in Economic Development” brochure, which showcases federal economic development investments across the United States. More about this publication may be seen at www.iedconline.org/fedforum.

About the International Economic Development Council
IEDC is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,200 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. IEDC’s members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions.
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To attend, please contact Akia Ashmond Brew at agbrew@iedconline.org. View our Forum website, program outline, and learn more about IEDC.

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