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## **U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Federal Economic Development Experts to Speak at IEDC Forum**

*Top experts in federal policy and programs to address more than 250 economic development professionals at the International Economic Development FED Forum*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (, 2017) – Appointed officials and federal economic development experts will address more than 250 economic developers at the International Economic Development Council's FED Forum.

FED Forum, the only annual conference focused exclusively on federal economic development programs and policies, will be held April 9-11 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. The Honorable Wilbur Ross, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and top-level executives from the Congressional Budget Office, Department of Defense, SelectUSA and others will keynote plenary sessions throughout the conference.

Keynote speakers include:

- Robert D. Atkinson, President, The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), Washington, DC
- Emilia Istrate, Ph.D., Managing Director, Counties Futures Lab, National Association of Counties (NACo), Washington, DC
- John Lettieri, Co-Founder, Economic Innovation Group, Washington, DC
- Andrew T. Levine, President & Chief Creative Officer, Development Counsellors International, New York, NY
- Patrick J. O'Brien, Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, United States Department of Defense, Arlington, VA
- Peggy Philbin, Acting Executive Director, SelectUSA, Washington, DC
- The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC
- Dr. 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
- Jeffrey Werling Ph.D., Assistant Director, Office of the Director, Macroeconomics Division, Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC

Speakers are expected to address current policy issues facing the U.S. economy, trends in federal economic development and ways to move forward in case of cuts to federal spending. Full speaker biographies can be found at [www.iedcevents.org/FEDForum/Speakers](http://www.iedcevents.org/FEDForum/Speakers).

**Conference Dates:** April 9-11, 2017

**Headquarters Hotel:** The Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001

**Registration is online at** [www.iedcevents.org/FEDForum/Registration](http://www.iedcevents.org/FEDForum/Registration).



### **About the International Economic Development Council**

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers typically work for cities, counties, states, public private partnerships and chamber of commerce and 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. [www.iedcONLINE.org](http://www.iedcONLINE.org).