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IEDC Names GREATER MSP's Michael Langley Co-Chair of Economic Development Research Partners

WASHINGTON, DC (May 7, 2013) – The [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC) is pleased to announce that Michael Langley, CEO of Greater Minneapolis St. Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership (Greater MSP), has been named Co-Chair of IEDC's [Economic Development Research Partners](#) (EDRP). EDRP, IEDC's in-house think tank, provides top-level economic developers with cutting-edge research that advances the economic development profession and the communities it serves. Every topic the EDRP tackles is addressed from the practical perspective of how it directly affects the work of the economic developer.

Paul Krutko, FM, IEDC Chair, and President and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK, said of Mr. Langley's appointment, "Michael's widely recognized strategic economic development and leadership skills will add considerable energy to EDRP's already highly regarded economic development research program."

Mr. Langley is the founding CEO of GREATER MSP, the Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership. GREATER MSP leads global promotion, regional strategy, and project management for economic growth and job creation in the Minneapolis Saint Paul region.

Michael's award-winning economic development work includes his leadership as CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, often regarded as a globally leading organizational model for regional economic development, regional advocacy, and public policy research. It also includes the founding of Langley Group, a national economic development consulting firm focused on regional best practices and economic growth strategies, where Michael served as President until joining GREATER MSP.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Michael also earned a MS in information systems from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He served as a Navy pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flight and crew time on surveillance and intelligence missions worldwide and as a technology analyst on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. Michael joined the Naval Reserves in 1985, serving as commanding officer for Naval Air Station Norfolk's (Va.) Reserve Command, and retired as a Captain in 2000 aboard the USS Cole. He has also been awarded a doctorate in Humanities by American Intercontinental University for his work in community improvement.

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