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IEDC Training to Help Local Leaders Build Their Economy

Washington, DC | June 8, 2017 – In partnership with the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) and the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is conducting training courses for DRA's *Leading Economically Competitive and Resilient Communities* (ECRC) program between February and September, 2017. Register now for the June course offerings in Kentucky.

These intensive training courses are designed as two-day classroom-style “boot-camps,” which emphasize the system and practice of economic development in the Delta region, and help community leaders learn more about the state, federal and private sector resources that are available to assist them.

The interactive course provides participants with practical tools and inspiring examples to support critical economic development and resilience activities. Workshops will be conducted in all eight states served by DRA.

“Effective local leadership is crucial to economic development, disaster resilience, and economic recovery activities in Delta communities,” said Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority. “Elected officials and community leaders are uniquely positioned to coordinate public resources and agencies to support job creation, act as an effective bridge between the public and private sectors, respond to disasters, and help businesses recover in the event of an economic or natural disaster. This training elevates the capacity and growth potential for the Delta region.”

The *Economic Development for Elected and Appointed Leaders* course will be held in Henderson, Kentucky on June 26 and 27, hosted by Kyndle. The *Economic Resilience for Elected and Appointed Leaders* course will be held in Madisonville, KY on June 29 and 30, hosted by the Madisonville-Hopkins Chamber of Commerce.

To register for either of these courses, or to access the schedule for surrounding states, visit <http://www.iedconline.org/web-pages/professional-development/training-courses-for-local-leaders/>