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Ulla and J.P. Bak, Esq. are Keynote Speakers at the 2018 IEDC Economic Future Forum
Dozens of Experts to Discuss Future Industries and their Impacts on Economic Development

Washington, DC (June 21, 2018) – The Baks will deliver the Keynote Luncheon on June 25 at the 2018 International Economic Development Council's (IEDC) Economic Future Forum. The conference will be from June 24–26.

The 2018 IEDC Economic Future Forum theme is Planning for Prosperity: Leveraging Tomorrow's Brightest Industries. Speakers will highlight core concepts and opportunities economic developers can capitalize for their communities, as industries continue to evolve.

“Ulla and J.P.’s background is a great contribution to this year’s Economic Future Forum program and overall, to the economic development profession. We are pleased to have J.P. and Ulla join us this year.” -Craig Richard, CECD, FM, President and CEO, Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation located in Tampa, Florida, and 2018 IEDC Board Chair

Ulla Bak is a vibrant leader who has dedicated her life to creating new opportunities for people in her community and abroad. As the president of Bak USA, a social enterprise that is building computers, empowering people, and changing lives in the United States and around the world, Ulla draws on her success as a legal counselor to advocate for socially responsible and culturally inclusive business operations.

J.P. Bak is a charismatic entrepreneur who is committed to technology, job creation, and social justice. As the chairman & CEO of Bak USA, J.P. is working with local and global leaders, business owners and educators, and members of the community to establish urban America as a world-leader in high-tech manufacturing.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to talk about the community partners who have been so important to our success and how they have enabled Bak USA to innovate,” said Ulla Bak. “Ours is a model that can be replicated in communities across the country, and J.P. and I look forward to sharing our thoughts on how those communities can create an attractive environment for development.”

A full list of speakers and their bios may be found at iedconline.org/FutureForum.

The cost for IEDC members is \$725 and for non-members it is \$900. For a full list of prices and deadlines, visit the conference [website](#).

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 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.

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