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### **White House to Host Forum on Economic Development**

**WASHINGTON, DC (August 4, 2014)** The [International Economic Development Council \(IEDC\)](#) and SelectUSA will host the 2014 White House Forum on Economic Development on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The day-long summit will feature keynote panels and breakout discussion sessions. Over 50 economic development leaders from across the country will attend and directly engage senior White House and Administration officials. Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Commerce will provide keynote remarks.

William C. Sproull, current Chairman of IEDC, and President and CEO of Richardson Chamber of Commerce in Texas, stressed the importance of the face time invitees get with the Obama Administration officials, saying: "There is no substitution for direct contact with program heads and policy makers. These are the decision-makers, and they need to hear from leaders in America's communities who provide new ideas and solutions."

During the Forum, economic development practitioners will meet with administration officials to discuss and provide input based on a wide range of topics. The forum focuses on key topics that have the greatest potential to positively impact job creation in the near and long term. The agenda covers a dynamic set of topics, including workforce development, entrepreneurship, and manufacturing.

The following agencies participated in the Forum and related events:

- SelectUSA
- Economic Development Administration
- National Economic Council
- United States Department of Agriculture
- National Science Foundation
- National Institute of Standards and Technology
- United States Department of Commerce
- United States Department of Education
- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

This is the third year the International Economic Development Council, SelectUSA, and other partners have hosted the Forum at the White House.

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

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,400 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. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. [www.iedonline.org](http://www.iedonline.org)

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