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IEDC and JPMorgan Chase Partner on FDI and Exports Education Training

WASHINGTON, DC (October 21, 2014) – Today the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced JPMorgan Chase’s sponsorship of IEDC’s economic development (ED) educational initiative through the development of new export and foreign direct investment (FDI) programs. Input from JPMorgan Chase on these important international trade and finance subjects will be used to help develop an entirely new advanced course for economic developers.

In her remarks today IEDC’s Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, Dalila Wilson-Scott, Head of Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase said, "The next decade will be pivotal for the U.S. economy, and JPMorgan Chase strongly believes our metropolitan areas have enormous potential to compete internationally though foreign direct investment and to create more jobs through global trade. Through the impact of our investment in and partnership with the International Economic Development Council, economic development practitioners will be able to help create more high-quality jobs and help build more vibrant communities from coast to coast."

The new educational programs, to debut in 2015, will train economic development professionals to encourage global economic interaction that brings stability, innovation and higher paying jobs to local communities. The economic development aspects of exports and FDI will be fully addressed in IEDC's educational components that will include:

- New 2-day Training Course to join IEDC's comprehensive curriculum
- New Training Manual to accompany the course
- Six existing IEDC Training Courses will be updated with export and FDI content
- Six existing Training Manuals will be updated to include chapters on exports and FDI

"IEDC is the right partner to help JPMorgan Chase serve the economic development aspects of its philanthropic initiatives. More than a dozen professional development courses and the largest and most respected ED certification program comprise our credentials as the world's leading authority on economic development. We deeply appreciate this meaningful and very effective contribution to economic development from JPMorgan Chase," noted Bill Sproull, President & CEO, Richardson Chamber of Commerce, Richardson, Texas and Chair of the IEDC Board of Directors.

About the International Economic Development Council
The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,500 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.iedconline.org

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