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International Economic Development Council Hires Chief Administrative Officer

WASHINGTON, DC (December 23, 2013) - The [International Economic Development Council](http://www.iedconline.org) (IEDC) is pleased to announce that Tracy E. Kitts has been appointed Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Washington, DC-based organization. Mr. Kitts will join IEDC on January 6, 2014. IEDC's Board of Directors recently approved the creation of the new CAO post and Jeff Finkle, IEDC President and CEO, conducted a nationwide executive search to fill the position.

"I am delighted to welcome Tracy to our team. His economic development knowledge combined with his extensive membership organization management experience make Tracy uniquely well-suited to IEDC's mission and the expectations the board and I have of our Chief Administrative officer," notes Finkle.

Kitts' roles and responsibilities will include being direct liaison with IEDC leadership, organization development, business development and human resource management.

Prior to joining IEDC, Kitts served as the Vice President and COO of the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA) for over 10 years. He oversaw the internal operations and finances of the 2,100-plus member organization of incubator managers, developers and other Economic Development professionals from over 60 countries. Kitts holds an MBA from Ohio University and an undergraduate degree in human resource management.

About the International Economic Development Council

The [International Economic Development Council](http://www.iedconline.org) (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,000 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. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

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