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Economic Developers to Tour Key Jacksonville Development Sites

IEDC Leadership Summit attendees to tour St. Johns River, Mayo Clinic and Cecil Commerce Center

WASHINGTON, DC (Jan. 29, 2016) – Economic developers attending the International Economic Development Council’s Leadership Summit will have the opportunity to tour three major economic development sites in Jacksonville, FL.

IEDC’s Leadership Summit is an annual conference exclusively for Certified Economic Developers and senior managers in the profession. Attendees have the option to attend scheduled tours throughout the conference that highlight economic development initiatives in the Jacksonville area.

“We sincerely expect that each attendee will learn something from this event and our community that will be beneficial to their economic development efforts.” – Kirk Wendland, Executive Director, City of Jacksonville’s Office of Economic Development

Tours begin Sunday, Jan. 29 with a river taxi tour of the St. Johns River. Participants will be able to get a sense of the history of the Jacksonville port, and infrastructure and transportation along the largest north-flowing river in the Northern Hemisphere.

On Monday, Jan. 30, attendees have the opportunity to tour Jacksonville’s Mayo Clinic campus, one of three world-class Mayo Clinic research hospitals. The tour will showcase both the hospital’s innovative medical research and its incubator area designed for entrepreneurs.

Finally, on Tuesday, Jan. 31, attendees may attend a tour of the Cecil Commerce Center, a 17,000-acre former military base. The center is slowly being redeveloped into a private commercial and industrial park, and the tour will include visits to aerospace companies and a battery manufacturing facility.

More information about tours can be found at www.iedcevents.org/LeadershipSummit/Program, and attendees may register online there or at the IEDC registration table upon arrival.

About the International Economic Development Council

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