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Top-Tier Executives to Speak at Annual Gathering of Senior-Level Economic Developers
The International Economic Development Council's Leadership Summit to feature high-ranking keynote speakers

WASHINGTON, DC (Jan. 29, 2017) – The International Economic Development Council's annual Leadership Summit kicks off Sunday as senior-level economic development professionals meet to discuss strategic partnerships and effective leadership in Jacksonville, FL.

Session topics range from current trends in economic development to thought leadership in economic development organizations. A few key topics on the program include millennial entrepreneurs, gentrification, employee wellness and regional economic development strategies. Keynote speakers are highly-esteemed executives from a variety of disciplines within economic development and related industries.

Session keynote speakers include:

- Fredrik J. Eliasson - Executive Vice President and Chief Sales & Marketing Officer at CSX, Jacksonville, FL
- Mark Lamping - President of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Jacksonville, FL
- Jane L. Landon - SVP and Chief Technology Officer at Web.com, Jacksonville, FL
- Michael Langley, FM - CEO of Greater MSP, Minneapolis - St. Paul, MN
- Amy Liu - Vice President and Director - Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
- Flint McGlaughlin - Managing Director of MECLABS Institute, Jacksonville, FL
- Darnell Smith - Market President, North Florida Region at Florida Blue, Jacksonville, FL
- Jim Stallings - Managing Partner at PS27 Ventures, Jacksonville, FL

Elected and appointed government officials in attendance include:

- The Honorable Lenny Curry, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, FL
- Chris Hart, IV, Florida Secretary of Commerce, President & CEO of Enterprise Florida, Inc., Tallahassee, FL

The Leadership Summit begins Sunday Jan. 29 at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 31.

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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.