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IDC Central Regional Meeting Days Away

The Illinois Development Council will be hosting a regional meeting in Champaign/Urbana on Monday November 23, 2009 at the new I-Hotel right on the campus of the University of Illinois. This program will feature two programs: Legislative Capacity Building and Social Media. **PLUS** Senator Michael Frerichs and Representative Chapin Rose will be our guest speakers at lunch.

There is still time to register. Do not delay. Forget filling out forms - call the IDC office today and register! *IDC members are encouraged to invite non-members and local elected officials to this meeting.* Whenever we have the opportunity to share one-on-one time with State officials, it is important IDC have a good showing of support. Let's make our voice known!

Two other regional meetings are scheduled: December 1st in Utica, IL and December 2nd in Hoffman Estates. The same program will be presented at each location with area legislators scheduled to speak. Registration is open for these meetings as well. [Click here](#).

DuPage Is Making Noise

On November 12, 2009 the Dover Corporation announced it would be moving its corporate headquarters from New York City to Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois. Dover will be moving ninety jobs to the area and has signed a lease for 68,000 square feet of office space in Highland Landmark V. This win for DuPage County is a culmination of almost a year of work by the Choose DuPage Team. Click here to read [Choose DuPage's](#) case study on the project and [DCEO's](#) press release on Dover's relocation.

IEDC Meetings

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) has four major events planned for the new year. These are great opportunities to expand your world vision of economic development.

[Leadership Summit](#): January 31 - February 2, 2010

[Federal Economic Development Forum](#): April 18-20, 2010

[How To Build It Conference](#): June 6-8, 2010

[IEDC Annual Conference](#): September 26-29, 2010

IDC Communication Committee Hard at Work

At the last IDC Board of Directors meeting, a new Communications Committee was commissioned. The scope of this committee will include expanding and improving our communication outreach through many forms of electronic media: newsletters, website, social media, etc. Three subcommittees are already evaluating IDC's resources and developing work plans for 2010. Watch your inbox for enhanced member communications.

If It's January, It's Time for an IDC Metro Meeting

For the past several years IDC members have bravely "weathered" the weather and attended an always informative Metro Regional Meeting. The Education Committee in cooperation with CMAP

have put together another great program so **save the date of January 25, 2010** at the ComEd Auditorium in Oak Brook, IL. Scheduled topics are: "[Market Analysis Do's & Don'ts](#)" and "[How to Market Effectively in a Recession.](#)" Watch for your registration form.

Opportunity Returns Becomes Office of Regional Outreach

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has made some changes to Opportunity Returns, the State's outreach program for helping local governments and companies avail themselves of state programs. First, the initiative will take on the name of Office of Regional Outreach. Second, Andre Ashmore has taken over as Director. Andre is also currently serving as the Governor's Liaison for the 2010 Census and was previously Managing Director of Local Government Initiatives at DCEO. The Office reports to Warren Ribley, Director of DCEO.

Andre says much of the program will still look the same, with 10 regions and representatives assigned to each region. The goal remains unabashedly the retention and creation of jobs. However, the program is being reinvigorated, an effort expected to take on even great significance once the capital bill is funded. The Office of Regional Outreach will be the focal point for delivering programs to businesses, local governments and non-profit organizations throughout the state. The regional staff will be really empowered (more than in the past) to interface with and assist these groups. Furthermore, DCEO expects to assign additional staff to assist in underserved areas.

Congratulations to Andre on his new position and best wishes to his entire staff as they make these changes.

IDC Cooperative Marketing Committee Co-Chair Receives Honor

Sponsored by *InterBusiness Issues* magazine, **40 Leaders Under Forty** is an annual celebration of young leaders in central Illinois. Through nominations submitted by the community, 40 of the area's top leaders are chosen each year and honored at a prestigious reception in November at the Hotel Pere Marquette. This year our very own Jennifer Daly, Executive Director & CEO of the Morton Economic Development Council, was one of the selected leaders. ***Congratulations Jennifer!***

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