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Holiday Greetings



The Illinois Development Council Board of Directors and its Staff want to extend warm Holiday Greetings to all of its members throughout Illinois. Thank you for your loyal support in 2009 and we look forward to partnering with our members in the new year!

Promote Membership In IDC

The IDC Membership Committee has been hard at work preparing a new membership brochure. An electronic version of the brochure is on our website. <http://www.ildevelopmentcouncil.org/documents/Brochure-Membership.pdf>

Professional economic developers need a unified voice in the area of government advocacy, as well as a central provider of quality education and marketing opportunities. The Illinois Development Council is your link to all this as well as a networking vehicle for professional development. Members are encouraged to send this brochure to fellow developers who are not members and encourage them to take the right step in becoming a member of IDC.

IDC Supports Entrepreneur Hall of Fame

The IDC Board of Directors voted to support the building of the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame (EHF) in Illinois. In a letter to the EHF, Chairman Ed Sitar stated *"We believe that bringing the EHF to the State of Illinois and showcasing global entrepreneurship will help send a message to our current and future businesses that the State of Illinois is a leader in providing a wealth resources and support for businesses to compete in the global economy."*

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$675MM [750,000 sq. ft. @ \$900]. Labor is estimated at 50% of estimated construction cost [\$338MM] and expected to generate 42 months of construction labor. Post-construction, the project is estimated to create 1000 new jobs directly and indirectly as a result of this project: 350 museum, media, and research, 300 hotel and services, and 350 from local stores, restaurants, internet maintenance, facilities, and parking.

IDC Partners With Illinois Chamber on 2010 Edie Awards

For the second year in a row, IDC is pleased to announce its partnership with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce on the presentation of the 2010 Edie Awards for economic development. [Click here to read the full announcement](#).

IDC Regional Meetings Were Very Informative

Thanks to IDC Government Affairs Co-Chairs Lori Clark and Janet Mathis and IDC Vice Chairman

Marty Vanags, IDC conducted three regional meetings in Champaign, Utica and Hoffman Estates. These one-day programs featured presentations on effective government advocacy and a special session on social media.

IDC thanks Representatives Chapin Rose and Frank Mautino, as well as Senator Michael Frerichs for their attendance and insight into the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly.

IDC Metro Meeting Is A Must

Registration is open for the 2010 IDC Metro meeting held in conjunction with CMAP and its partners. The event will be held on January 25, 2010 at the ComEd Commercial Center in Oak Brook. You can register online at the IDC website:

<http://www.ildevelopmentcouncil.org/MeetingsConferences.asp>

In light of the current economy, now is a good time to plan strategically for recovery. The event will consist of two panels. The first will discuss best practices and basic principles of conducting an effective market analysis. The second panel will address marketing techniques that are geared specifically to these challenging economic times. **REGISTER TODAY!**

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