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IDC Government Advocacy Day March 4, 2010

Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Dennis Hastert in his book **Speaker** said, *"The premise of democracy is that a lot of people - collectively - try to make the right decisions for the rest of us. No one individual has the ultimate truth, so collecting that truth is a process."*

IDC is participating in that "process" by hosting its 3rd annual Government Advocacy Day, March 4, 2010 in Springfield. This is an excellent way to collectively interact with key legislators on issues important to economic development in Illinois. [Click here to register today!](#)

Time is Running Out on Two Great Marketing Opportunities

IDC in cooperation with the Illinois Wind Group and DCEO has a great opportunity to participate in two national events -one- for wind energy and one for bio technology industries. These cooperative marketing events get IDC participating members "up front and personal" in the Illinois pavilion for each of these shows. But you must act quickly if you want one of the remaining open slots. Call the IDC office today and find out the details.

BIO International Convention 2010: (May 3-6, 2010 - Chicago) The show targets drug discovery and development, life sciences, devices and predictive diagnostics, technology transfer in food and agriculture, industrial biotechnology and many other applications. The booth will be part of the Illinois Pavilion, being organized by the Illinois Biotechnology Organization with the support of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Exhibitors are responsible for their own travel, hotel, meal arrangements and event registration. ***If you are interested in participating at a rate of \$1,500*, call the IDC office at (217) 528-5230 for more details.*** (*Please note if there are less than 10 participants, the rate may be increased.)

Wind Power 2010: (May 23-26, 2010 - Dallas) This is the largest wind power show in the world. Plans call for 23,000 attendees, and 1,280 exhibitors. The show targets project developers, turbine manufacturers, component and accessories, and professional organizations dealing with wind energy. The booth will be coordinated with the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University along with DCEO, and Wind For Illinois. This is a \$60,000 venture and IDC's approximate cost will be \$5,000 to be split among participants.* We are targeting a minimum of 10 participants to work the IDC booth. Exhibitors are responsible for their own travel, hotel, meal arrangements and event registration. ***If you are interested in participating at a rate of approximately \$500*, call the IDC office at (217) 528-5230 for more details.*** (*Please note if there are less than 10 participants, the rate may be increased.)

DCEO Announces Opening of Competitive Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP)

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announces the opening of the [Competitive Employer Training Investment Program](#) application period for SFY10.

Please note the process will be administered through the Business Development Office this year, but DCEO expects the change to be largely invisible to you and the applicants. Note also that applications are due no later than close of business on March 12, 2010 – no exceptions.

Two information sessions have been scheduled:

Tuesday, March 2 -- James R. Thompson Center (Room C-500), 100 W. Randolph, Chicago

Wednesday, March 3 – Springfield Theater, Springfield, IL

More information on the exact times and applicable programs (single company vs. multi-company) will be communicated shortly.

Applications should be submitted electronically to etip@illinois.gov. For more information, please contact the ETIP program at etip@illinois.gov or 312-814-1182.

Is This the Future of Economic Development Lending?

BISMARCK, N.D. — It has no automatic tellers or drive-up windows, doesn't issue credit cards, and tends only a few thousand checking and savings accounts. Its only location is a glass, steamboat-shaped headquarters near the Missouri River, where the business moved from its original 1919 home in a former auto assembly plant.

[The Bank of North Dakota](#) — the nation's only state-owned bank — might seem to be a relic. It was the brainchild of a failed flax farmer and one-time Socialist Party organizer during World War I. But now officials in other states are wondering if it is helping North Dakota sail through the national recession.

The Bank of North Dakota serves as an economic development agency and "banker's bank" that lessens the loan risks of private banks and helps them finance larger projects. It offers cheap loans to farmers, students and businesses.

WashingtonExaminer.com

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By: Dale Wetzel.

IDC 2010 Annual Conference

The IDC Annual Conference Committee, chaired by IDC Vice Chairman Marty Vanags is hard at work putting together another great event for IDC members. This year's event, will be July 14-16 at the brand new [Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center](#) and promises to be a wonderful conference. Plan now to attend and make your hotel reservations early. Next month the Annual Conference Committee will begin to release program highlights and registration forms.

SAVE-THE-DATE!

APA Illinois State Section Spring Conference

The City of Carbondale is hosting the of the [APA Illinois State Section Spring Conference](#) on March 25-26. Proposed sessions include crime and socially sustainable communities, comprehensive planning, the town and gown connection, water issues, the Southern Illinois wine trail, the ways communities have successfully utilized TIF Districts and the Southern IL University Saluki Way Project. Presenters include Tom Henderson, Executive Director of the Tax Increment Association and Kendig Keast Collaborative.

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