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Edie Awards Deadline Days Away

The Illinois Development Council is pleased to once again announce its partnership with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in the selection and presentation of the second annual Edie Awards. Attached is your [invitation](#) to submit a noteworthy project for consideration. Use the [attached form](#) to nominate an outstanding project completed in 2009. **The deadline to submit your entry is 5:00pm March 19, 2010.**

Sen. David Luechtefeld Keynotes Advocacy Day



Sen. Luechtefeld Members traveled from all regions to attend this year's IDC Government Advocacy Day in Springfield on March 4, 2010. Senator David Luechtefeld (D) Okawville, IL not only kept the members entertained with his political stories, he was very candid with his remarks on the budget process. Following his presentation members participated in an open forum to discuss legislative issues important to economic development before departing to the State Capitol to meet with legislators.

IDC wants to thank Government Affairs Co-Chairs Lori Clark and Janet Mathis for all their hard work in keeping IDC current with House and Senate bills critical to our profession. Mathis addressed several key legislative items on IDC's agenda and took questions.



Janet Mathis

Play Ball!



IDC is once again heading to the South Side for its annual site consultants event at U.S. Cellular Field to watch the Chicago White Sox take on the Detroit Tigers. This is a great event for economic developers to get up close and personal with Illinois based consultants in a private suite at the ballpark. Consultants will receive a pre-loaded thumb drive with information about each IDC Host or World Series Sponsor. Space will be limited to 17 site selector consultants and 14 Hosts and 2 World Series Sponsors. **On March 18th IDC will email every member a special invitation with details on how to submit their bid on April 1, 2010.**

IEDC 2010 Excellence in Economic Development Awards

The International Economic Development Council's 2010 Excellence in Economic Development Awards kicked off its Call for Entries on March 3 and will end on May 21. IDC members are encouraged to submit their innovative programs, promotions, or projects and get the recognition they deserve.

These awards recognize the world's best economic development programs and partnerships; marketing materials; and the year's most influential leaders. These prestigious awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities with over 25 categories to choose from. Enter before April 16th to receive an early bird discount. Please visit <http://www.iedonline.org/AnnualConference/Awards.html> to learn more and to download the entry packet.

New Member "Mentoring" Service

The IDC Board of Directors recently approved the development of a "mentoring" program as a new benefit to being an IDC member. The Association will be launching a membership survey this Spring to gather data on member expertise in over 50 pre-selected areas specific to economic development. The data collected will go into a searchable database located in the "members only" section on the IDC website. Members will be able to click on a particular topic to find members who have a working knowledge of the selected topic and who are willing to answer questions and/or provide resources. When the survey arrives please participate. This is your opportunity to be a mentor to fellow economic development professionals and expand our members capacity.

IDC Officers Meet With Allied Organizations

Each year the IDC officers take time to "roam" the streets of Springfield to meet with leading staff members of allied organizations. The purpose of these meetings is keep open lines of communication with associations whose interests often mirror the goals of the Illinois Development Council.

Chairman Ed Sitar was joined by Secretary/Treasurer Kim Uhlig and Immediate Past Chairman Mark Williams for visits with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Manufacturers Association, Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois Finance Authority.

IDC Is On LinkedIn!



Network with fellow IDC colleagues, find answers to questions, share news and upcoming events, and be introduced to other networks and professionals. If you are new to IDC and social media, LinkedIn offers [a New Users guide](#) that will get you up and running in no time. Already a member? Join the [IDC Group](#). IDC's

Communications Sub-committee on social media is chaired by Brian Rademacher. His sub-committee will be providing timely "tips" on how to make the best use of LinkedIn.

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