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### Edward Sitar Completes Term as Chairman of the Board Thank You Ed!

Fellow IDC Members,

I wanted to take a small amount of this space to thank everyone for giving me the privilege of being your IDC Chairman over the past year. It has been both fulfilling and rewarding. It's been a whirlwind of a year for Illinois and our economy, but I'm optimistic that things are beginning to pick up and our future is bright. I also wanted to acknowledge and thank the rest of the IDC Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and our Committee Chairs for their service and work throughout the past 12 months in helping to make



IDC more visible and relevant throughout Illinois and the development community. IDC is only as strong as we collectively make it.

Best of luck to our new incoming Chairman, Marty Vanags from Bloomington-Normal! Hope to see many of you at the annual conference this week.

### Annual Conference In Only 3 Days - Still Time to Register

If that site inspection or client meeting has been canceled for this week and it has freed up your time, there is still an opportunity for you to register for this year's IDC Annual Conference: **"Professional Development - Excellence in Practice."**

IDC's staff will make it easy on you. Just call the IDC office in Springfield and register over the telephone - no forms to fill out! Today, July 12th at 4:00pm is the absolute deadline to pre-register. Registrations will be accepted at the door. **Call today! 217.528.5230 ext 4**

### IDC LinkedIn - A Great Way to Network With Fellow Professionals

Increase your visibility through LinkedIn and Twitter. These social media tools offer you an opportunity to promote upcoming events like webinars and conferences or post interesting news or business leads. You can type the information on your profile page in LinkedIn and share the news with affiliated groups like IDC. Recent examples from the IDC Group on LinkedIn include information about the Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit.

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### Little Chance for a "Double Dip"

Whether it's home sales, unemployment or pizza coupons, economic indicators have improved, especially compared to the spring and summer of 2009. So, why the recent talk of a double-dip recession?

A University of Illinois forecast released this month concluded there is little chance the national economy will fall back into recession, but that the pace of both the state and national recovery remains "painfully slow."

Click here to read the full story from the [The State Journal Register](#).

### Hearing a Small Voice Saying, "Serve"

Ask anyone who has served on one of IDC's six standing committees and they will tell you that this is a great way to serve your profession. IDC is always looking for new volunteer leaders who have fresh ideas and who are committed to strengthening IDC's position as the leading association for economic developers throughout Illinois. If interested, call the IDC to volunteer your service.

### BEDC for Illinois October 18-20 2010

This year's BEDC guarantees to be one of the best ever! Scheduled for October 18-20, 2010 in Naperville, IL at the Nicor headquarters. There are approximately 20 scholarships available through Ameren, ComEd, Nicor and IDC. A big thank you to the BEDC management team of Ivan Baker, Ed Sitar, Margi Schiemann, Mike Kearney, Cindy Gorsage, and Bob Koepke for all their hard work to make this educational event a success. Call IDC's office for information about the association's scholarships.

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