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For a list of IDC's leadership team, click the following link. [IDC Board of Directors](#).

### CHAIRMAN UPDATE *by Chairman Ed Sitar*



I want to give a public **"thank you"** to several IDC board members who served our association this past week by working a booth at the 2009 Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference in Chicago. Our booth featured the unveiling of our new banners and promotional flyers that gave a coordinated look that is graphically very exciting. *(The new header on this update is consistent with our new look!)*

Thanks to Bola Delano, John Greuling, Rodger Hopkins, Kim Uhlig and Mark Williams, IDC was well represented. We are confident that our presence at this show will bring additional exposure to the work of not only our organization but also

the professional work of economic developers throughout Illinois. IDC will continue to find other venues that foster statewide exposure for IDC and its members.

### IDC PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY

IDC's Government Affairs Committee sent all IDC members this week a survey seeking your input on critical issues facing economic development and our collective role in this process. You have only until the close of business this Thursday, October 1st to complete this electronic survey. Please take 3 minutes of your day to help in this very important fact finding exercise.

### STATE WILL RELEASE PAYMENT FOR SOME BILLS

According to a report by WBEZ, the Governor and Comptroller have come to agreement in releasing funds to pay for bills that will help to promote the lottery and tourism in the State. "Massive backlogs" of unpaid bills remains. <http://www.wbez.org/Content.aspx?audioid=37056>

### PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUE TO EXPAND

The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), Competitive Wisconsin, Inc., and the Wisconsin Counties Association announced at the WEDA 2009 Fall Conference, held last week in Eau Claire, a partnership to create a long-range economic development strategy for Wisconsin. Experts from the Center on Wisconsin Strategy and the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute agree that Wisconsin does not have an economic development strategy.

The Illinois Development Council, as a result of its 2008 strategic planning meeting, began last fall investigating public/private partnerships as an extension of the Association's effort to build Illinois on behalf of its members. Over 14 state economic development organizations currently have some formalized effort in this regard. IDC Chairman Ed Sitar recently noted that "...we [IDC] should definitely continue its research of something similar for Illinois under IDC's leadership." Sitar said he believes "it's an effort to potentially give DCEO access to some additional private sector resources."

### MAEDC CONFERENCE

This year's Competitiveness Conference is sure to be another extraordinary educational and networking opportunity! Click the following link for information. [MAEDC Link](#)

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