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GPEC President & CEO to participate in White House Panel ***Chris Camacho joins national leaders for forum on economic development***

PHOENIX (July 30, 2015) – The Greater Phoenix Economic Council ([GPEC](#)) President & CEO, Chris Camacho, will be speaking at the White House today during the 4th annual *White House Forum on Economic Development*, hosted by the International Economic Development Council ([IEDC](#)) and [SelectUSA](#).

More than 50 economic developers from around the nation will attend the one-day event, where they will meet with senior White House and Administration officials. Remarks will be provided by Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President, and Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Commerce.

“This event hosted by the IEDC and SelectUSA provides an incredible platform for interacting with fellow economic development leaders and the exchange of innovative ideas and best practices from around the country,” said Camacho. “I look forward to participating in today’s event and sharing insights on what GPEC is doing to attract international companies.”

The forum will include discussion on key economic development issues, such as job creation, infrastructure development and international trade. For updates, follow the IEDC on Twitter at twitter.com/IEDCtweets.

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About the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC)

A true public-private partnership, GPEC is the regional economic development organization for Greater Phoenix. Working with its 22 member communities, Maricopa County and more than 170 private investors, GPEC attracts quality businesses to this dynamic region. By creating a high-performance economy through capital investments and jobs, Greater Phoenix companies enjoy a business climate where they can compete and thrive in today's global economy. Since 1989, GPEC has worked to achieve an economically sound and sustainable region. For more information, visit www.gpec.org

About the International Economic Development Council

The [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,600 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC’s members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other

institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. www.iedonline.org