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Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award Given to Senator Mary Landrieu at 2009 Federal Economic Development Forum

WASHINGTON, DC (March 17, 2009) – *The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) was pleased to present Senator Mary Landrieu (D-La) with the Federal Leadership in Economic Development Award at this year's 2009 Federal Economic Development Forum, in the Washington, DC, metro area. This award recognizes a member of Congress who has made significant contributions in the area of economic development. Senator Landrieu was chosen for her vigorous support of small businesses and her ardent leadership of economic recovery efforts in the aftermath of natural disasters.*

Senator Mary Landrieu is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Senator Landrieu was instrumental in securing \$10 million for Small Business Development Center (SBDC) grants for communities impacted by hurricanes Gustav and Ike. As a leading small business advocate, Senator Landrieu introduced the Rural Small Business Enhancement Act of 2008 to improve the Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program.

The Senator also introduced the Gulf Coast Open for Business Act of 2006 to address the needs of small businesses and prepare for future disasters. The bill called for the authorization of \$50 million in grants to states for bridge loans and waiving the cap on grants to SBDCs.

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping economic developers do their job more effectively and raising the profile of the profession. When we succeed, our members create more high-quality jobs, develop more vibrant communities, and generally improve the quality of life in their regions. For more information about IEDC visit www.iedconline.org.

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