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GOVERNOR TO CONVENE BUSINESS SUMMIT

EMPLOYERS, INDUSTRY LEADERS TO DISCUSS ECONOMY WITH STATE OFFICIALS

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter will host a daylong discussion of the challenges and opportunities facing Idaho's economy with employers and industry representatives from throughout the state on Monday, August 31st, at the **Governor's Business Summit**.

"Project 60 is our game plan for growing Idaho's economy. The Business Summit, and the Innovation Summit coming up on September 24th, are chances for us to assess our own team's capabilities and what's needed to successfully execute that game plan," Governor Otter said. "My Cabinet and I will do a lot of listening, and we hope to come away with a clearer picture of how to make Idaho an even better place to build businesses, careers, and futures right here at home."

The Business Summit is scheduled from **8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boise Centre**. Governor Otter, Lieutenant Governor Brad Little and a group of Cabinet members will listen and discuss issues throughout the day with eight industry panels, each including five business leaders from all over Idaho. A complete list of panelists and a detained agenda is attached.

All the panel discussions are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. The panelists and Cabinet members also will join the Governor for a private midday luncheon at the Boise Centre sponsored by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

Don Dietrich, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, will oversee development of an executive report and recommendations to the Governor based on the Business Summit's discussions.

"The small business operators, entrepreneurs, managers and corporate executives and others who know the pressure and fulfillment of meeting a payroll know what works and what doesn't for their employees, customers and communities," Governor Otter said. "I'm looking forward to hearing their ideas and doing what we can in state government to clear the way for their solutions."

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2009 Governor's Business Summit Agenda
Boise Centre (on the Grove)
Falcon Room

- 8 a.m. Welcome/Introductions
- 8:15 a.m. **Agriculture Panel** presents/Q&A to follow
Industry panel: Mike Roth, Si-Ellen Dairy; Rick Stott, Agri Beef Co.; Dan Mader, wheat/barley grower; Doug Gross, potato grower; John Ihli, Nunhems (seed processing).
- 9:10 a.m. **Natural Resources** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Industry panel: Marc Brinkmeyer, Idaho Forest Group; Gordon Jones, Clearwater Paper; Luke Russell, Coeur d'Alene Mines; Sheldon Alver, Monsanto; Tim Christopherson, Dabco, Inc.
- 10:05 a.m. **Travel and Tourism** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Industry panel: John Webster, Best Western Burley Inn; Wally Huffman, Sun Valley Company; Kevin Settles, Bardenay; Judd DeBoer, Brundage, BW Salmon Rapids Lodge; Nancy Digiammarco, Silverwood Theme Park.
- 11 a.m. **Construction and Transportation** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Ron Whitney, Whitney Homes; Kelly Anderson, Zions Bank; Torry McAlvain, McAlvain Group; Jason Andrus, Doug Andrus Distributing; Tom Harris, Western Equipment Sales.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (Hawk room), sponsored by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.
- 12:45 p.m. **Manufacturing** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Steve Appleton, Micron Technology; Martin Zacha, ATK; Vic Jaro, Amalgamated Sugar; Roger Franklin, Quest Aircraft; Bill Malloy, Malloy Veneer Company Inc.
- 1:40 p.m. **Commercial Services** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Rob Aravich, U.S. Bank; Brent Neibaur, Advantage Plus Federal Credit Union; Jim Schmit, Qwest; Dennis Johnson, United Heritage; LaMont Keen, IDACORP and Idaho Power; Chris Mooney, Coldwell-Banker-Tomlinson in Coeur d'Alene.
- 2:35 p.m. **Health Care and Social Services** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center; John Stellmon, Regence BlueShield; Keith Fletcher, Ashley Manor; Ray Flachbart, Blue Cross of Idaho; Scott Carrell, Idaho Power; Dave Self, Pacific Source Health Plans of Idaho.
- 3:30 p.m. **Retail** Panel presents/Q&A to follow
Jeffery Parisian, Coldwater Creek; Melinda Merrell, Fred Meyer; Gary Mahn, Fisher Document Systems; Jeanine Bennett, Cornerstone Interiors/Erb's Ace Hardware; Michael Hanigan, Hanigan Chevrolet.
- 4:25 p.m. Roundtable Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn