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SECOND ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING ON SEPT. 8

The Ohio State University and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring an economic development summit on Friday, Sept. 8, at the Wexner Center for the Arts on the Ohio State campus.

The event will begin with a buffet breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Mershon Auditorium lobby. At 8 a.m., the formal program begins in the Wexner Center's film/video theater. The highlight is a panel discussion by: Bernard J. LaLonde, professor emeritus of transportation and logistics at Ohio State; C. Lee Johnson, president of Limited Distribution Services; Edward J. Ray, professor of economics and senior vice provost at Ohio State; and Robert J. Massey, president and chief executive officer of CompuServe Inc. Their program, "Bridging the Future: The Need for a Business, Government and University Coalition," will focus on how these three groups can work together to build a better economic future for the Columbus area.

Speaking briefly will be Columbus Mayor Gregory Lashutka, Franklin County Commissioner Arlene Shoemaker, Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee, and Chamber President Jonathan L. York. Sarah S. Austin, special assistant to the president for business and community relations at Ohio State, will be the moderator.

Members of the news media are invited to attend the summit and to remain after the formal program for a question and answer session with the panelists. There will be reserved seating near the front of the theater for media. Your cooperation in sitting there will help enable us to start the news conference promptly at 9 a.m., as well as ensure that you have seat for the event, which is expected to attract a capacity crowd of local business leaders.

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