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RE: South Kansas City Alliance Economic Development Summit

Kip Stetzler, executive director of the Missouri Housing Development Commission (the state's housing finance agency), will be the main speaker at this Saturday's third annual Economic Development Summit of the South Kansas City Alliance (SKCA).

The summit will run from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Avila University, 11901 Wornall Rd., and will include a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch. The event will be in the Goppert Theatre building, except the lunch will be in the nearby Whitfield Center. There is no charge for attendance, and persons are asked to register at www.SKCAAlliance.org.

The summit is designed for homebuilders and remodelers, residential and commercial developers, Realtors, present and future business owners and managers, neighborhood leaders and interested area residents, and representatives of the civic, faith and educational communities.

The theme of the summit, "Planning for our Future Neighbors", reflects the SKCA's efforts to promote attractive housing and retail options for the thousands of new employees coming to new developments in south Kansas City.

It will feature panels on what government resources are available to help persons start a business or housing project, the experiences of successful pioneers in commercial and residential urban redevelopment, and the latest news about major developments in south Kansas City.

Developments to be discussed will include the Cerner Innovations campus, the Burns & McDonnell World Headquarters, and improvements to the Red Bridge and Ward Parkway Shopping Centers and to Truman's Marketplace.

The summit will also feature a summary of the recent SKCA survey of Cerner Corporation employees about what kinds of retail services and types of housing they desire near their place of employment.

"For anybody thinking about opening a business in south Kansas City, building or remodeling homes or multifamily housing, or moving here or continuing to live here, this will be a one-stop shop to find out what's going on in south Kansas City," said Stacey Johnson-Cosby, SKCA president.

The SKCA is a volunteer led nonprofit organization that includes members from neighborhood organizations, and the business, civic, faith and educational communities. #####