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Aurora hosting economic development forum

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Community leaders are encouraged to attend a forum on workforce and economic development Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Prisco Community Center, 150 West Illinois Avenue, Aurora.

Topics of discussion will include strategies to increase the effectiveness of workforce and economic development in the Fox Valley region, including alignment of local job training and education programs to the needs of economic development in the region; policy recommendations for state and local policymakers that will address current challenges in the region; and an action plan to implement the initiatives that emerge from interactions during the forum.

The forum in Aurora is one in a series of similar sessions that have been held around the state since 2009 to learn from those who are engaged in economic and workforce development activities. Information gathered at the forums assist the Illinois Works for the Future campaign gather its advocacy priorities. Statewide findings from all of the meetings will be compiled into a final report that will be submitted to policymakers for state-level workforce and economic development decision making.

Registration and networking will begin at 8:30 a.m.. Those wishing to attend should call Sharon Walker at 630-859-9923, extension 1; or e-mail to mcdonnelltracy@rivervalleywib.org.