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Bringing Jobs and Growth to America's Cities Detroit Inner City Economic Summit to Highlight New Research, Best Practices this September

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Researchers and practitioners in economic development will gather in Detroit September 15-16 for a two-day summit, "[Revisiting the Promise and Problems of Inner City Economic Development](#)." The summit will highlight new research and leading examples of urban revitalization.

Harvard Business School's Michael Porter will keynote the summit. Participants will tour Detroit on the first day to see first-hand how three key factors that drive inner city growth—overall business environment, individual firms, and "clusters"—can help jumpstart economic activity in struggling core cities. John Gallagher of the *Detroit Free Press* will provide an insider's perspective on Detroit's challenges and progress after the tour. The second day will feature presentations from prominent researchers and key community leaders.

The summit is a precursor to a special edition of *Economic Development Quarterly* (EDQ), a journal that strives to bridge the gap between academic research and hands-on experience in workforce and economic development. EDQ's forthcoming special issue will examine the competitive advantages of inner cities and feature research on clusters and inner-city growth. The two-day event is sponsored by the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC), the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, *Economic Development Quarterly*, and Sage Publications.

Registration for the summit is free, but advance registration is required [here](#).

The **Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center** is offering a **reduced room rate of \$169**. Participants are encouraged to register early, as a limited number of rooms are available at the reduced rate. Reserve your room [here](#).

The W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research is a non-profit, non-partisan research organization dedicated to finding solutions to the causes and consequences of unemployment by conducting research, designing and evaluating innovative programs, and disseminating key findings to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners.

Founded in 1994 by Harvard Business School Professor Michael Porter, the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City is a nonprofit research and strategy organization and the leading authority on U.S. inner city economies and the businesses that thrive there.

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