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THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD THIRD ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND ANNUAL MEETING

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 25, 2008) – The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce will bring together national and state experts to discuss our state’s economic future at our third Economic Summit and Annual Meeting. The event, presented by Greenebaum Doll & McDonald, will be held at the Marriott Louisville Downtown, July 28-29. The two-day event will include informative presentations, a Taste of Kentucky reception highlighting Kentucky products, a gala reception and annual dinner with **Donna Brazile**, of CNN’s *Inside Politics* and *American Morning*, and **Tucker Carlson**, an MSNBC senior campaign correspondent, serving as keynote speakers.

The Economic Summit will feature both regionally and nationally recognized speakers focusing on five goals that could help transform the future of the Commonwealth:

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| 1. Improving education attainment. | 4. Improving Kentucky’s standing in the global market. |
| 2. Modernizing Kentucky’s government. | 5. Making the state a national leader in energy. |
| 3. Creating a healthier Kentucky. | |

“These five goals were a result of our New Agenda for Kentucky initiative, and will serve as the framework for the Chamber’s strategic plan over the next three years,” said Adkisson. “During the Economic Summit and Annual Meeting, we hope to take an even closer look at these goals and focus on what we can do to transform the Commonwealth.”

Speakers scheduled for the event include the following:

Richard A. Crofts, Ph.D. , Interim President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – Postsecondary
Ted Fishman , Best-selling author of <i>China Inc.: How the Rise of the Next Superpower Challenges America and the World</i>	Globalization
James W. Holsinger, Jr., M.D., Ph.D. , Wethington Endowed Chair in the Health Sciences, UK College of Public Health and Chancellor-Emeritus, UK Chandler Medical Center	The State of Kentucky’s Health and Wellness
Bob Lekites , President, UPS Airlines, UPS	Globalization and Opportunities for Kentucky
Crit Luallen , Kentucky State Auditor, Commonwealth of Kentucky	Modernizing Government
Pearse Lyons, Ph.D. , President and Founder, Alltech	Energy, Agriculture and Education: Opportunities for Kentucky
Michael B. McCall, Ed.D. , President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS)	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – Adult Education/Workforce
Helen B. Mountjoy , Education Secretary, Kentucky Education Cabinet	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – Overview of the Education System
Gary A. Ransdell, Ed.D. , President, Western Kentucky University and Convenor of Presidents, Kentucky Public Colleges and Universities	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – Postsecondary
Robert F. Sexton, Ph.D. , Executive Director, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – P-12
Dave S. Spence, Ph.D. , President, Southern Regional Education Board	Closing the Expectations Gap: Alignment in Education
Victor Staffieri , Chairman, President and CEO, E. ON U.S.	Kentucky’s Role in the Future of Energy
Diana Taylor , Consultant, Taylor-Gray Associates	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – Moderator
Kim F. Townley, Ph.D. , Associate Professor, University of Kentucky College of Education	Improving the Education Attainment of Kentuckians at All Levels – Early Childhood Development

Registration for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Summit and Annual Meeting is currently available at the Kentucky Chamber’s Web site at www.kychamber.com. To register via phone or e-mail contact Casey Adams at cadams@kychamber.com or (502) 695-4700, ext. 8727.