

ANEC Hosts 13th Annual World Igbo Congress Convention in Detroit

Detroit, Mich., July 6, 2007 – The American Nigerian Economic Council (ANEC) announced today its' hosting of the 2007 World Igbo Congress (WIC) Convention to be held at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan. The 4-day cultural/business development Convention is scheduled from Thursday August 30, 2007 through Sunday September 2, 2007. On the first day of the Convention known as Business Exposition Day, Participants from local companies are invited to deliver presentations on technical breakthroughs coupled with best practices in specific industries that are currently in development in Nigeria. These presentations will subsequently be forwarded to Nigeria for potential economic and business development discussions with SE Michigan companies involved in the Convention. The following three days will comprise WIC meetings, cultural symposiums and town hall meetings. Further details of the Convention can be found at www.wicfoundationinc.org.

The Igbo ethnic community comprises over thirty (30) million people located in the SE region of Nigeria. The WIC Convention attracts people from all over the world including Nigerian corporations, leaders to discuss business opportunities and other aspects of economic development that impact our communities. Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa and has been projected as the next emerging economy that will quickly develop into industrialized status within the next 20 years.

The theme of this year's Business Expo is ***“Technological Transformations: Our readiness in expanding economic opportunities”***. Areas of special interest include the following market sectors:

- Light-Rail/Mass Transit/Airport Facilities
- Power and Energy Generation
- Environmental (Waste Management)
- Urban Planning and Development
- Communications

ANEC/WIC is in the process to identify, collaborate and work with local SE Michigan companies regarding participation and for more information on the World Igbo Convention or to participate, please contact the American Nigerian Economic Council at 313-340-2008 or anec.usa1@yahoo.com. The application deadline is Friday, August 10, 2007. Additional information regarding the Business Exposition Day can be obtained from Joseph P. Cool, President, Cool & Associates, Inc. at 248-683-1130 or by email at jcool@cool-associates.com - www.cool-associates.com

About American Nigerian Economic Council ANEC is an organization founded and registered in the State of Michigan and serves as the central private and public sector research and economic communication hub to industries, businesses, investors, public and private agencies wishing to conduct business and other economic activities between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The mission of ANEC is to build bridges for economic opportunities through commerce, trade, business development, social and cultural exchanges between the two countries. For more information, visit www.anecusa.com

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