



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

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Dear IEDC Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to beautiful and dynamic Tampa, Florida for the International Economic Development Council's (IEDC) 2020 Leadership Summit held February 8-11, 2020.

Tampa's economy has experienced a roaring comeback since the dark days of the recession. Thanks to the commitment of our local and state economic developers working together to strengthen and diversify our economy, Tampa has gained national recognition as an outstanding place to live, raise a family and build a great company or career. But we're not resting on our laurels; there is much more to be done to ensure that everyone in our community has a path to prosperity and an opportunity to thrive. That is why I am excited to have economic development leaders like you meeting here – to share best practices and exchange new ideas for boosting your community's competitiveness and maximizing the skills and economic potential of your workforce. You can be sure that my team will be taking notes.

I invite you to explore Tampa's exciting dining and craft beer scene, take a stroll on the Riverwalk or sail up the Hillsborough River in the Pirate Water Taxi, and check out the transformations underway in The Heights and at Water Street Tampa downtown. There is so much to do and see here.

I look forward to seeing you in February, and wish you a productive, successful and enjoyable summit.

Sincerely,

Jane Castor