

Economic forecast to be provided at Business Outlook event

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(IU Kokomo News Release) Kokomo, Indiana – Will the recent financial rescue package help stabilize markets in the United States? How will the election outcome shape economic growth, both nationally and closer to home? Experts from Indiana University Kokomo and IU's Kelley School of Business will share their thoughts on national, state and local economic trends at the annual Economic Outlook Breakfast on the Kokomo campus.

Open to the public, the Business Outlook and Public Policy Panel Discussion will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 a.m., in the Kelley Student Center.

The Business Outlook Panel will provide an economic forecast, identify key topics of concern to decision makers in Indiana, and discuss issues pertinent to the business and government sectors in 2009. The Panel is known for its ability to identify key economic trends, internationally as well as locally. Business leader and members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Jason VanAlstine, acting assistant professor of economics at IU Kokomo, will discuss area trends in employment, wages and prices as related to Howard County and the surrounding area.

Dr. John Wellington, interim dean of the School of Business, will moderate the discussion. Panel members include Morton J. Marcus, director emeritus of the Indiana Business Research Center in the Kelley School of Business; Robert Neal, associate professor of finance in the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in Indianapolis; Ellie Mafi-Kreft, clinical assistant professor of business economics and public policy.

Admission is \$12 and reservations must be made by Wednesday, Nov. 5, by calling the IU Kokomo School of Business at (765) 455-9275 or (765) 455-9465. Corporate sponsorships are available for the event.

Income from this event will assist the School of Business in offering many projects that enrich the learning experiences of its students.

Sponsorships will be acknowledged during the program, in the School of Business's annual newsletter North Central Indiana, and its bi-annual publication Nexus.

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