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CHARLESTON, IL--Gov. James Thompson has recommended attendance by community leaders at an economic development conference at Eastern Illinois University on Friday, March 22.

Purpose of the conference is to bring together persons who will lay groundwork for economic development in east central Illinois, according to a spokesperson for the East Central Development Corporation, one of the sponsors.

The corporation is headed by Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., former Eastern president. Other sponsors are Eastern and Lake Land College.

In a letter, Thompson said "sustained economic growth is critical to the future of our state and nation...and should your schedule allow you to attend this conference, I believe it will be time well spent."

Among speakers will be Rep. Terry Bruce; William Browning, President of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce; Lester Brann, Jr., President of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce; David Richmond, Executive Director of the newly-formed Volusia County Florida Business Development Board;

Phillip D. Phillips, Assistant Vice President of the Fantus Company, a site selection and development advisory organization; and Mary Ferrando and Rich Funderburk, of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

Marvin said "if you are an individual with an interest in the full development of the economy of east central Illinois, this conference may be just what the doctor ordered."

Sessions will be held in the University Union. Registration information may be obtained by contacting the Office of Continuing Education at Eastern, (217) 581-5114.