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Airport Area Economic Development Summit To Be Held

Alderman Terry L. Witkowski has scheduled a meeting on March 14 with business and elected officials to discuss Mitchell International Airport as Wisconsin's biggest asset for economic development, how it has been put to use, how it compares to other airports around the country, and why it is not surrounded by companies wanting to locate there.

The meeting will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008 in the Milwaukee Room in the upper level of the terminal at Mitchell International Airport. Media coverage is invited.

Alderman Witkowski hopes that the outcome of the meeting will be the formation of a group that seeks a study of development around other airports in the nation and establishes a foundation to seek that development here. "I believe that this area has the potential to foster greater economic development and create new jobs and help the economy. I am excited to share ideas with stakeholders and members of neighboring communities to help bring more economic development activity to this area," he said.

The alderman has invited mayors and planners from Cudahy, Franklin, Greenfield, Milwaukee, Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, and St. Francis, as well as the county supervisors, state and federal representatives and senators representing those areas. Chamber of commerce officials from the suburban areas and Milwaukee have been invited as well as the Milwaukee 7, the Milwaukee Development Authority, and the governor's office.

The UW-Milwaukee Center for Urban Initiatives and Research is assisting in this development project, and center representatives will also be in attendance.

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