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RUPERT SENATOR KELLY ANTHON TO PRESENT AT NATIONAL FORUM

Anthon was selected among a pool of national applicants to discuss the role of regional partnerships in economic development at the 2018 FED Forum.

Rupert, Idaho, March 21, 2018: Idaho Senator and City of Rupert Administrator Kelly Anthon will present at the <a href="2018 FED Forum's "FED Talks" in Washington, DC on March 25. The FED Forum is presented by the International Economic Development Council to highlight success stories, lessons learned and innovative ideas for economic development practitioners. Anthon is one of four speakers selected from a pool of applicants across the U.S.

Drawing on past successes in foreign direct investment and his career in regional economic development, Anthon will discuss in a TED-style format the importance of building regional and federal partnerships to further economic development. Anthon will bring a uniquely rural perspective to the economic development audience at the local, regional and national level.

"I am thrilled to bring Idaho and our rural communities into the national spotlight at this year's FED Forum," said Anthon. "Developing regional and state-wide partnerships has been vital to securing economic development success not only in Rupert and the Southern Idaho region, but throughout the state as well. Due to the dedication of economic development teams in Idaho, the state has seen tremendous growth in recent years."

As City of Rupert's Administrator, Anthon is responsible for driving economic development success in the community, through business attraction, retention and expansion. He has served in the Idaho State Legislature since 2015.

For more information about the IEDC FED Forum, please visit their website at <u>iedcevents.org/FEDForum</u>. More information about the city of Rupert can be found on their website, <u>rupert-idaho.com</u>.