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Local, national speakers lined up for Birmingham economic summit

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The city of Birmingham's upcoming economic summit in November announced its line-up of speakers and panel participants.

John Sibley Butler, a professor at the University of Texas at Austin and director of the Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship, will speak at the first day of the conference and Kim M. Williams, associate professor of public policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, will be keynote speakers the second day.

Neal Wade of the [Alabama Development Office](#), Vickie Rivers of Houston's Market Square Redevelopment Authority and John Lancaster of the Memphis Area Transit Authority are also slated to present at the summit, said a news release.

Local panelists will include Stephen Craft, professor of marketing at Birmingham-Southern College, John Lauriello, principal at Southpace Properties Inc., and Ted vonCannon, president of the [Birmingham Metropolitan Development Board](#).

The Birmingham Economic Summit: Pathways to Economic Synergy 2008 will be held Nov. 11 through 13 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex's East Meeting Rooms.

The summit will cover a broad range of issues, including environmental considerations in real estate development, technology transfer, entrepreneurial development, neighborhood shopping and entertainment, transportation and faith-based community development initiatives, said the release.

Attendance is free and it is presented by the Birmingham City Council's economic development committee, headed by Councilor Steven Hoyt.

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