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Item for Information

**Subject:** Change in Research Scope and Name of the Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations (ILIR) to the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy (IRLEE)

We are pleased to inform you of a change in the research scope and name of ILIR. The re-envisioned and renamed ILIR, now the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy (IRLEE), will advance knowledge about the major forces restructuring the economy and reverberating internationally, nationally, and locally. Specifically, the Institute's mission will be to: (1) provide economic development intervention services to communities, companies and organizations experiencing economic transition and distress; (2) provide academic, business, and policy constituencies with regular economic forecasts of local, state, regional, and related national trends; (3) advance understanding of the effects of economic restructuring on the economic and social well-being of adults, children, families, and communities; (4) evaluate the impacts of economic interventions geared towards advancing innovation, increasing entrepreneurship, and improving the economy; 5) foster a core of interdisciplinary scholars, including future researchers, with interests in the causes and consequences of economic restructuring; and, (6) disseminate research results to policy, government, business, public, and academic communities via peer-reviewed scholarly publications, working papers, instructional course content, special reports, seminar series, press releases, conferences, and briefings.

As part of this change in scope and resulting intellectual synergies with activities already underway in the Business and Industrial Assistance Division (BIAD), ILIR will be organizationally integrated into BIAD. Thus, the organizational home and reporting relationship of ILIR, now IRLEE, will also shift, moving from the School of Social Work to the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) with joint oversight by OVPR and the Office of Governmental Relations (OGR); OVPR and OGR already jointly oversee BIAD.

Respectfully submitted,



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