

MSDC announces event to unveil Zimmer economic development plan

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Marshall-Saline Development Corporation announced Monday, Feb. 11, an event set for Feb. 20 to unveil Saline County's new economic development plan.

The convention-style event from 4 to 8 p.m. will take place at Martin Community Center, 1985 S. Odell Ave. in Marshall.

The keynote speaker will be U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II. Speakers will deliver remarks starting at 6:30 p.m. leading up to the keynote address.

"The plan exceeded our expectations and reflects the realities of the world in which we live," said Bill Riggins, Executive Director of MSDC. "Issues like globalization, immigration, education and entrepreneurship/innovation are all things we knew about but didn't fully know how to fit all of the pieces together.

"Now that the plan is complete, we intend to launch it publicly."

In addition to Cleaver, Riggins said he expects leaders of area local governments and other dignitaries will be on hand for the kick-off celebration.

Entertainment will be provided by Missouri Valley College and renowned violinist and pianist Christian and Victoria Fatu, from Romania and Moscow, respectively.