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RIPEC to Host Forum on the State's Business Climate

RIPEC will hold a forum on the state's business climate, sponsored by Fidelity, which will focus on the steps Rhode Island can take to improve the perception that the state is not a good place to start or grow a business. Key policymakers and stakeholders, from within Rhode Island and representing national organizations, will discuss how Rhode Island measures up on a number of metrics relating to the business climate, as well as steps the state can take to improve the negative perception of Rhode Island's business climate.

WHO: Joseph D. Henchman, Tax Counsel & Director of State Projects, Tax Foundation;
Jonathan Haughton, Senior Economist, Beacon Hill Institute for Public Policy, Suffolk University;
Paul McGreevy, Director, Rhode Island Department of Business Regulations; and
Leslie Taito, Director of Regulatory and Quality Management, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation

WHAT: The three-hour forum will focus on the state's business climate. There will be a question and answer period after each speaker.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Registration will begin at 8:15 am.

WHERE: Fidelity Investments
900 Salem Street, Smithfield, Rhode Island

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