Call for applications for a study visit entitled

ECONOMIC REGENERATION IN URBAN CENTERS

May 24th – June 3rd, 2011
Boston, Massachusetts and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Up to fourteen individuals, including business leaders, business strategists, government policymakers, entrepreneurs, and academics from Ireland and from Northern Ireland will be selected to engage with their American counterparts on relevant topics. Seminars and visits will examine the role that small business development, corporate incentive schemes, inward investment, workforce education/re-education, and improved infrastructure can play in promoting economic regeneration and vibrancy in urban centres.

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The programme is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programmes. Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 22nd March in Belfast or 23rd March in Dublin. Please note that the programme is by necessity highly selective, and that consequently, not all applicants will be interviewed and not all interviewees will be invited to participate.

To apply: Visit our website at www.bc.edu/irishinstitute for an application. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at gilien@bc.edu before 5 p.m. GMT on Friday, 11th March. The mandatory letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the programme, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone (353) 1 614 7450.