Call for applications for a study visit entitled

**Developing the Marine Economy: Fishing, Recreation, Transport**

**December 4\textsuperscript{th} – 14\textsuperscript{th} 2012**

**Boston, Massachusetts & Miami, Florida**

Up to ten relevant marine policymakers and practitioners, marine economic development specialists, environmentalists, and investors from Ireland and Northern Ireland will be selected to engage with their American counterparts on issues relating to the marine economy. Participants will develop their understanding of the marine environment and the potential for its safe and sustainable economic development in the United States. Energy—both renewable and non-renewable—fishing, transport, and recreational uses of marine resources will be examined along with environmental challenges related to the development of the marine environment.

The program is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Center for Irish Programs, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Program-related costs including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided.

The program is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programs. *Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 3\textsuperscript{rd} October in Dublin or 4\textsuperscript{th} October in Belfast.* Please note that the program 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 Thursday, **20\textsuperscript{th} September**. The mandatory letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the program, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone (353) 1 614 7450.