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Call for applications for a study visit entitled

DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING YOUNG BUSINESS LEADERS

December 6th – 16th 2011

Boston, Massachusetts & San Diego, California

Up to ten individuals, including relevant education policymakers and practitioners (second and third level), young entrepreneurs, community development specialists, financing and investing agents, and government representatives from Ireland and from Northern Ireland will be selected to engage with their American counterparts on how schools, universities, and vocational training centers can foster and encourage business innovation and entrepreneurship among young people. This programme will examine issues such as be the resources and policies necessary to develop young, innovative and productive entrepreneurial talent with the aim of facilitating the creation of new, viable, and sustainable private enterprises.

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

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 5th October in Dublin or 6th October in Belfast.* 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 Thursday, **22nd September**. 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.