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**Call for applications for a study visit entitled**  
**TOWARD ECONOMIC REGENERATION**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Boston, Massachusetts & Boise, Idaho**

Up to fourteen individuals (from Ireland and from Northern Ireland) to include economic strategists, government policymakers, business leaders, and academics to explore ways in which Ireland and Northern Ireland can, in a difficult economic climate, share strategies for economic success. Participants will explore the role that inward investment, small business promotion, corporate incentive schemes, workforce education/re-education, and improved infrastructure can play in promoting economic regeneration and vibrancy. 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. All 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 21<sup>st</sup> April in Belfast or 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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: Please visit our website at <http://www.bc.edu/irishinstitute> for an application form. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at [gilien@bc.edu](mailto:gilien@bc.edu) before 5 p.m. GMT on Thursday, **9<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**. The 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 Ms. Thea Gilien (Dublin) at (353) 1 614 7450.