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Financial Leaders and Government Officials to Explore the Impact of Disabilities in the Workplace

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH –

What: The Bottom Line of Disabilities: The Social Financial and Economic Impact in our Communities

This event will examine social, financial and economic issues that impact how individuals with significant disabilities can be gainfully employed in the competitive labor market and safely integrated into the communities where they live. Panelists will include business and community leaders discussing the roles that governmental entities, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, researchers, businesses and the nonprofit sector play in advancing opportunities for these individuals.

Where: Columbus Community Center
3495 S. West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

When: July 14, 2014, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Who: This event will feature **Thorkil Sonne**, founder of Specialisterne, as the keynote speaker. Sonne is internationally renowned for his work creating innovative employment models to employ individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

In addition, the program will feature the following speakers and moderators:

- Chris Burbank, chief of police, Salt Lake City Police;
- Jefferson Burton, major general in the Utah National Guard;
- Robert Chamberlin, president and CEO of SourceAmerica;
- Troy D'Ambrosio, executive director, Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute at the University of Utah;
- Philippa Dunne, co-editor of The Liscio Report and Sightlines Bulletin;
- Natalie Gochnour, associate dean, University of Utah David Eccles School of Business;
- Brent Johnson, vice president of supply chain, Intermountain Healthcare;
- David Kotok, chief investment officer of Cumberland Advisors and vice chair of the central banking series at the Global Interdependence Center;
- Vincent Mikolay, managing director of business outreach and international trade, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development;
- Steve Sexauer, chief investment officer, US multi asset, Allianz Global Investor Solutions and Global Interdependence Center board member; and
- Kyle Walker, division director, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation.

Contact: To register for this event or for more information please contact Amanda Lichtenstein, the Global Interdependence Center's manager of marketing and membership, at alichtenstein@interdependence.org or 215-238-0990.

About the Global Interdependence Center: The Global Interdependence Center is a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization that seeks to stimulate thoughtful, global dialogue on a wide range of issues that affect the international community, including economics, health care and government. GIC convenes conferences and discussions in the U.S. and abroad. For more information, visit GIC's website at www.interdependence.org.

About the Columbus Community Center: Columbus has provided services for individuals with disabilities since 1968. Columbus is recognized locally and nationally as a well-established, innovative nonprofit agency that works strategically with stakeholders to support individuals so they can make informed decisions, pursue meaningful careers and live with independence in the community. Columbus follows a "social enterprise" business model that offers business services and social services to create opportunity for individuals with disabilities. Columbus began as a grass-roots effort started by parents looking for a community-based program, opening its doors with eight young adults and has grown to serve over 400 people a year. Learn more at www.columbusseves.org.

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