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**Delegation from South Africa to Chicago, Illinois and Washington, DC
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Since 1995 the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) has conducted the economic education component of the Cooperative Education Exchange Program (CEEP), which brings together economic and civic educators from the U.S. and other countries. The program originally targeted the former Soviet Union and central and Eastern Europe and now includes other emerging market or developing economies in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The program promotes educational reform through training, materials translation and development, study tours, conferences, and other forms of exchange.

As NCEE's international partners have begun to conduct their own economic education programs, they are creating delivery systems to sustain their work. Their programs may be delivered through existing institutions such as universities, institutes for recertifying teachers, ministries of education, or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), or new organizations may be established.

NCEE is supporting these efforts by bringing small groups of leaders from partner countries to the U.S. to observe firsthand how economic education is delivered here. *The purpose of this delegation's visit is to assist NCEE's South African colleagues in building strategic partnerships with key individuals and institutions in South Africa and to discuss plans for the growth of their own economic education programs.*

Visitors from South Africa include representatives of the South African National Department of Education and the Departments of Education in three provinces (see list below). The delegation will be hosted by the Illinois Council on Economic Education (ICEE) at Northern Illinois University. In Illinois, they will meet with teachers, education leaders, business leaders, and board and staff members of ICEE.

ICEE's mission is to provide Illinois students with the economic and personal financial understanding they need to function effectively in a complex, global environment. ICEE achieves its purpose through professional development for teachers, curriculum development, student programs, community education and outreach, all of which are delivered by a network of University-affiliated Centers for Economic Education within the state of Illinois.

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