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Ivan Miestchovich has been the Director of the Center for Economic Development at the University of New Orleans since 1979. The Center is a state and federally funded program providing technical assistance to local business and community organizations and government agencies focused on economic development throughout Louisiana. He is also an Associate Professor of Finance, teaching courses in real estate investment and development and entrepreneurial and personal finance. He is also an adjunct Associate Professor in the College of Urban and Public Affairs and teaches courses in local economic development and development finance as well as financial management of nonprofit organizations as part of UNO's International Project for Nonprofit Leadership. Dr. Miestchovich is the founding Director of UNO's Small Business Development Center and the Louisiana International Trade Center. In June of 2005, he was named Director of the UNO Real Estate Market Data Center. Before joining UNO, he was principal of a real estate research and consulting firm based in New Orleans.

He holds a BS in Marketing, an MBA, and an MS in Urban Studies from the University of New Orleans and a PhD in Marketing Communications and Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Dr. Miestchovich has also earned the CEcD designation, a professional certification awarded by the International Economic Development Council.

Dr. Miestchovich has authored or co-authored numerous research monographs focusing on housing and neighborhood redevelopment, business, industrial and port development, economic development strategic planning and commercial revitalization. He has also authored articles appearing in professional journals in the fields of real estate and economic development. He has assisted communities throughout Louisiana to formulate economic development strategic plans and has been engaged in a wide range of post-Katrina redevelopment and rebuilding planning projects.

Dr. Miestchovich is active in many civic, business, and professional organizations and serves on, or has served on, the boards of several of them. He currently serves or has recently served on the boards of the Bank of New Orleans, FSB, Jefferson Workforce Investment, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater New Orleans, Inc., First Bank and Trust Community Development Corporation, the St. Tammany Parish Economic Development Foundation and

the University Economic Development Association. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Capital One Community Renewal Fund, LLC.

Dr. Miestchovich is a native of New Orleans. He and his wife Peggy live in the Amite, LA area. They have been married 37 years and have two daughters, Kristin who is 32 and Kaitlin who is 16.