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GM's CEO joins speakers' lineup at Economic Club's National Summit

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The Detroit Economic Club's National Summit has added another high-profile speaker to its CEO-studded lineup: Fritz Henderson, president and CEO of General Motors Corp..

Aneesh Chopra, chief technology officer of the United States, has also joined the roster of speakers.

Chopra is the second federal official to agree to speak at the summit. Gary Locke, secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, will also speak.

And Henderson isn't the only CEO of a troubled company who will appear. Chrysler L.L.C. Chairman and CEO Robert Nardelli and Vikram Pandit, CEO of Citigroup Inc., are scheduled to speak.

Both GM and Chrysler have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Citigroup and GM were removed from the Dow Jones Industrial Average this week.

Ford Motor Co. President and CEO Alan R. Mulally is also a speaker.

The economic club is convening the National Summit to discuss and advance a national economic agenda.

The event is co-chaired by William Clay Ford Jr., executive chairman of Ford, and Andrew Liveris, chairman and CEO of Dow Chemical Co.

The event will take place June 15-17 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.