



Delta Regional Authority
&
Washington County Economic Development Initiative

**Reimagining the Delta Workforce: A Summit on Workforce
Development in Alabama**

July 23th, 2014 | Chatom, AL

The Chatom Community Center

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

8:00 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome and Orientation**

- Alternate Federal Co-Chairman Mike Marshall, Delta Regional Authority
- Austin Monk, Director, Washington County Economic Development Initiative

9:15 **Snapshot of State Business Environment**

- Dr. Joe Sumners – ECDI at Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Extension

9:45 **Presentation of Report Findings**

- Ted Abernathy, Managing Partner, Economic Leadership, LLC
 1. *Reimagine Readiness*
 2. *Reengage Adult Learners and Disconnected Youth*

10:30 **Presentation of Report Findings**

- Ted Abernathy, Managing Partner, Economic Leadership, LLC
 3. *Realigning Relationships and Resources*
 4. *Listening to the South*

11:00 **Discussion Period**

11:30 Luncheon

- Introduction of Governor, Jim Byard-Delta Regional Authority Board Designee
- Keynote Address, Governor Robert Bentley

1:15 Deepened Employer Engagement to Increase Potential for Successful Outcomes

- Laura Chandler, Executive Director, SW Alabama Workforce Development Council

1:30 Moving Forward – What is Next?

- Moderator: Bridget Wilson, Director of Workforce Development, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Panelists:

- Nisa Miranda, University of Alabama Center of Economic Research
- Chester Vrocher, Acting Executive Director Alabama Technology Network
- Dr. Phillip Cleveland, Director of Career and Technical Education for Alabama State Dept. of Education
- Dr. Kathy Thompson, Bishop State Community College, Dean of Technical Education and Workforce Development
- Gary Weaver, Alabama Industrial Development Training, Assistant Director

2:30 Policy, Business, and Workforce Integration

Moderator: Austin Monk, Director, Washington County Economic Development Initiative, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Panelists:

- Elaine Beech, Alabama House of Representatives, District 65
- David Hutchinson, Butler County Commission for Economic Development
- Chris Comstock, Outokumpu Stainless LLC, Manager of Training and Development, Human Resources

3:00 Town Hall Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Joe Sumners – ECDI at Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Extension

3:30 Wrap-up and Evaluations

