

Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Kentucky

Lake Barkley State Resort Park

October 7, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.



8:00-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 **Welcome/Orientation**
Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman
Delta Regional Authority

Mike Marshall, Alternate Federal Co-Chairman
Delta Regional Authority

Tony Wilder, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Local Government

Assembling leaders in business and industry, education, and local and state governments, this summit seeks to rethink our workforce development systems using the report *Future of the South: Re-imagining Workforce Development* as the framework for the day's discussion.

Panels will address the challenges, needs, and opportunities to strengthen our region's workforce systems into an effective workforce pipeline of trained and skilled workers. This summit is about job creation, education, and economic development for the Delta region.

9:15-10:15 Dr. James H. Johnson Jr., Professor of
Stategy and Entrepreneurship
Urban Investment Strategies Center
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Snapshot of Kentucky Demographics

10:15-11:45 ***Re-imagining Workforce Development Report***

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A report sponsored and supported by DRA and compiled by the Southern Growth Policies Board.
Presentation of Report Findings

1. Re-imagine Readiness
2. Re-engage Adult Learners and Disconnected Youth
3. Re-align Relationships and Resources
4. Listening to the South

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11:45-1:15 Moderator: Eddie Crittendon, Executive Director
Fulton/Hickman County Economic Development

Panelists:
Don Fraher, Human Resources Manager
Pella Corporation
Vicki Morgan, Human Resources Manager
Ingram Barge Company
Dr. Barbara Veazey, President
West Kentucky Community and Technical College

Lunch: Business & Industry Roundtable

A roundtable discussion centered on the needs of business & industry and the challenges they face in retaining and recruiting skilled workers.

Topics include:

1. Finding solutions for manufacturers' emerging workforce needs
2. The role of business and industry in developing a skilled workforce
3. Career paths, credentials, curriculum and training
4. Industry recommendations for workforce training

1:15-1:30 Break

1:30-2:00 Commissioner Beth Brinly
Kentucky Department of Workforce Investment

Kentucky Today
"State of the Workforce"

2:00-3:00 Moderator: Sheila Clark, Director
West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board

The Educational and Career Training Stakeholder Perspective

Panelists:
Dr. Jay Allen, President
Hopkinsville Community College
Dr. Kristen Williams, President
Henderson Community College
Dr. Judith Rhoads, President
Madisonville Community College
Dr. Robert Pervine, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Research
Murray State University

What is the role, focus, and responsibility of our state's educational institutions and stakeholders when building a workforce development system?

What is the future of their partnership in trying to address current and future workforce needs?

Where do the educational activities align and what are the opportunities for greater collaboration between education, economic development, and business and industry?

3:00-3:15 Wrap-up and Takeaways



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