



Reimagining the Delta Workforce: Louisiana



Nicholls State University
 906 East 1st Street
 Thibodaux, LA 70310
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast
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Workforce Summit Agenda

9:00 am to 9:30 am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Assembling leaders in business and industry, education, and local and state governments, this summit will use the report <i>Future of the South: Re-imagining Workforce Development</i> as the framework for the day's discussion.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority • Dr. Bruce Murphy, President, Nicholls State University • Kevin Belanger, CEO, South Central Planning & Development Commission • Charlotte Randolph, Lafourche Parish President
9:30 am to 9:45 am	<p>Keynote – Perspectives on Louisiana Workforce Development and Training Needs</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne</p>
9:45 am to 10:45 am	<p>State of the State for Louisiana's Workforce Development System</p> <p>Moderator: Stephen Waguespack, President, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Olivier, CEO, Committee of 100 • Senator Norby Chabert, Senate District 3 • Susana Schowen, Workforce Initiatives Manager, Louisiana Department of Economic Development • Bryan Moore, Director, Office of Workforce Development, Louisiana Workforce Commission

10:45 am to 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	<p>Re-imagining Workforce Development Report A report sponsored and supported by DRA and compiled by the Southern Growth Policies Board.</p> <p>Presentation of Report Findings.....Ted Abernathy, Economic Leadership LLC, Co-Author <i>Re-imagining Workforce Development</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-imagine Readiness 2. Re-engage Adult Learners and Disconnected Youth 3. Re-aligning Relationships and Resources 4. Listening to the South
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	<p>Working 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 that works and those that don't 4. Industry recommendations for workforce training <p>Blessing: Pastor Roland Price, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Chauvin, LA</p> <p>Moderator: Tia Edwards, TJC Group</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annett Huber, Human Resources Manager, T. Baker Smith • Ray Barker, Director of HR, Bollinger Shipyards • Brigitte Nieland, Vice President, Education and Workforce Development, LABI • Walter Glenn, Plant Manager, Dupont • Danos Panelist TBD • Others Invited
1:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Break
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	<p>The Educational and Career Training Stakeholder Perspective 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?</p>

	<p>Moderator: Robert Travis Scott, President, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Joseph Savoie, President, University of Louisiana Lafayette • Representative John Bel Edwards • Dr. Monty Sullivan, Systems President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System • Dr. Earl Meador, Chancellor, Fletcher Technical Community College, South Central Technical College • Ken Bradford, Assistant Superintendent for Office of Student Opportunities, LDOE
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	<p>Regional Best Practices, Models and Initiatives between Economic Development and Workforce Development</p> <p>Moderator: Vic Lafont, President and CEO, South Louisiana Economic Council</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Arnett, Executive Director, South Central Industrial Association • Adam Knapp, President and CEO, Baton Rouge Area Chamber • Jana Sikdar, Director of Workforce & Retention, GNO, Inc. • Angie White, Vice President, North Louisiana Economic Partnership • Ryan LaGrange, Director of Workforce Development, LEDA • Others Invited
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Wrap-up and Takeaways

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