



August 11, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Welcome/Orientation

Chairman Christopher Masingill
 Delta Regional Authority

DRA Designee Ted Townsend

Karen A. Bowyer
 President Dyersburg Community College

Reimagining the Delta Workforce

Assembling leaders in business and industry, community colleges and higher education, local and state government, this summit will use the report *Future of the South: Reimagining Workforce Development* as the framework for discussing 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.

9:30-10:30

Panelist:

Federal Agency Rep

Administration Rep

Federal Briefing: what is happening and what is coming down the pipe for workforce development?

Jim Hermes, AACC Center for Workforce and Economic Development
 Jaimie Matthews, US Chamber of Commerce

10:45-11:30

Reimagining Workforce Development
 Ted Abernathy

Presentation of Report Findings

1. Reimagine Readiness
2. Reengage Adult Learners and Disconnected Youth
3. Realigning Relationships and Resources
4. Listening to the South

11:30-12:00

Questions and Answers

12:00- 1:30

Panelists:

1. Greg York, Director of Operations
Marvin Windows & Doors of TN
2. Swee Har Wilcox, HR Manager
Armstrong Hardwood Flooring
3. Keith Cursey, Director Human Services
MTD Products

Business and Industry Roundtable Luncheon

- * Finding solutions for manufacturer's emerging workforce needs
- * The role of business and Industry in developing a skilled workforce
- * Career paths, credentials, curriculum, and training that works vs. those don't
- * Industry recommendations

1:15-1:30 Break



1:30-2:15

Panelist:

1. State Workforce Leader - Burns Phillips
Commissioner TN Department of Labor
& Workforce Development
2. State Legislative leader – Craig Fitzhugh
Representative TN General Assembly
3. Governor’s Office/Policy Rep–Ann Buckle
TN Promise

Tennessee Showcase on Workforce Development

State of workforce development in TN

- * Briefing on top programs (TN Promise, etc.)
- * What is working?
- * Where are the gaps?

2:15-3:00

Panelists:

1. K-12 Rep – Shawn Kimble
Director, Lauderdale County Schools
2. 2 year and Community College Rep
Dr. Karen Bowyer, President
Dyersburg State Community College
3. Technical School – Willie Huffman
Assistant Director, TN College of
Applied Technology - Paris
4. 4 year institutions – Dr. Tom Rakes
Chancellor, University of TN at Marin

The Educational and Career and Technical Training Stakeholder Perspective

3:00- 3:15

Break

3:15- 4:00

Panelists:

Debra Lyon, Director
ACT Work Ready Communities

Jimmy Bell, Director
Local Workforce Investment Area 11

Margaret Prater, Director
Local Workforce Investment Area 12

Naomi Earp, Director
Local Workforce Investment Area 13

Regional Best Practices, Models and Initiatives between Economic Development and Workforce Development

4:05

Wrap-up and Takeaways

Reception



Host Partner



Convening Partners

