

# Delta Workforce Program: Regional Workshop

## AGENDA

- 8:00am – 8:30am      **Registration** *(Continental breakfast provided)*
- 8:30am – 8:45am      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 8:45am – 9:00am      **Welcome from State and Local Elected Officials**
- 9:00am – 10:00am      **The Role of Workforce Development in Rural Economies**  
*Workforce development and economic development are inextricably linked in the modern economy. To ensure the prosperity of rural economies, workers and employers must adapt to meet ever-changing demands and opportunities. In this session, participants will be exposed to the existing workforce challenges facing the Delta region and hear how continued investment in skills training and workforce development can reinvigorate rural economies.*
- 10:00am – 10:15am      **Networking Break**
- 10:15am – 11:30am      **Industry- Driven Workforce Development in the Delta Region and Beyond**  
*Workforce development continues to be a critical component of comprehensive economic development policy. Various strategies, institutions, and workforce professionals collaborate to establish means of connecting employers and workers with training and education to meet the needs of the 21st century economy. This session provides examples of existing workforce development programs in the Delta region and around the country aimed at improving workforce outcomes.*
- 11:30am – 12:00pm      **Q&A with the Morning Presenters**
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm      **Lunch** *(provided)*
- 12:20pm—1:00pm      **Introduction to Registered Apprenticeships**  
*The Registered Apprenticeship (RA) system has been used to meet the needs of America's skilled workforce for almost a century. The nation's oldest earn-and-learn model has been utilized across industry sectors to train the next generation of skilled tradesman. In this session, learn how RA programs provide workers with the opportunity to seek high-skilled, high-paying jobs and how employers implement these programs to build a pipeline of qualified workers in their local communities.*

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- 1:00pm – 2:15pm**      **DOL's Workforce Opportunity in Rural Communities (WORC) Grant Program: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**  
*In this session, representatives from the Delta Regional Authority and the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration will introduce the Workforce Opportunity in Rural Communities Grant Program and provide a thorough overview of the funding opportunity.*
- DRA's Delta Workforce Grant Program: Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
*In this session, representatives from the Delta Regional Authority will introduce the Delta Workforce Grant Program and provide a thorough overview of the funding opportunity.*
- 2:15pm – 2:30pm**      **Networking Break**
- 2:30pm – 4:50pm**      **Project Development and Stakeholder Collaboration**  
*In this session, participants will breakout by community(ies)/county/regional area to discuss how to build a successful workforce development program, how to scale, and how to create a true workforce pipeline attractive for industry development and prospective residents alike.*
- 4:50pm – 5:00pm**      **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
- 5:00pm**                **Adjourn**

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