TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP
Carbondale, Illinois

ALABAMA • ARKANSAS • ILLINOIS • KENTUCKY
LOUISIANA • MISSISSIPPI • MISSOURI • TENNESSEE

Visit us at dra.gov
About the Delta Regional Authority

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is a federal-state partnership created by Congress in 2000 to promote and encourage the economic development of the lower Mississippi River region and Alabama Black Belt. DRA invests in projects supporting transportation infrastructure, basic public infrastructure, workforce training, and business development. DRA’s mission is to help create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of those who reside in the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state region.
February 26, 2020

Dear DRA Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Delta Regional Authority, welcome to Carbondale, Illinois for the Delta Workforce Program’s Technical Assistance Workshop. I am excited to have attendees from southern Illinois represented here today to discuss critical issues impacting our region’s economic competitiveness and quality of life. More specifically, I am pleased to present our agency’s partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to deploy $29.2 million in Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants in the Delta and Appalachian regions. This grant opportunity is unique to our region and will support industry-driven workforce training and education for job seekers residing in our rural communities.

To complement this federal initiative, DRA is making available $1.5 million in Delta Workforce Program grants and offering post-award technical assistance to grantees. Most importantly, though, DRA is offering eight technical assistance workshops to help our region’s stakeholders develop competitive applications for both grant programs.

I want to thank you for being here. With your commitment to building sustainable workforce talent pipelines, I am confident we will continue to accelerate our economic development efforts throughout the Mississippi River Delta region.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chris Caldwell
Federal Co-Chairman
Delta Regional Authority
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 federal and state programs and resources as well as successful workforce training models in southern Illinois.

Workforce Development Development Program: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
Aury Kangelos, Program Manager, Delta Regional Authority

In this session, a representative from the Delta Regional Authority will introduce the U.S. Department of Labor’s WORC initiative and provide a comprehensive overview of the funding opportunity to help participants develop competitive applications.

In this session, a 2019 U.S. Department of Labor WORC grantee will provide an example of a successful workforce training program in the Mississippi River Delta region and discuss strategies for building innovative partnerships with industry and higher education to attain workforce outcomes in rural areas. Additionally, the speaker will discuss key strategies for developing and submitting competitive proposals to public entities.

In this session, participants will learn how to build an effective workforce development program, how to scale, create a strong workforce pipeline attractive for existing and prospective businesses, and how to articulate that vision into a competitive grant proposal.
# Table of Contents

Speaker Biographies ........................................................................................................... 6-7

DOL’s Workforce Opportunity in Rural Communities (WORC) Grant Program: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) ................................................................. 8

Lightning Talk: 2019 U.S. Department of Labor WORC Grantee .............................. 9

Creating a Competitive Proposal......................................................................................... 10

Appendix .................................................................................................................................. 11-19
  DRA 101 ................................................................................................................................... 12-13
  Local Development Districts ............................................................................................... 14-18
  Agency Directory ................................................................................................................... 19
Speaker Biographies

Chris Caldwell, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority
Appointed by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Chris assumed the role of Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority on Jan. 12, 2018. As Federal Co-Chairman, Caldwell leads the agency’s operations and is responsible for DRA’s strategic investments that promote economic development in 252 counties and parishes across eight states. Caldwell is a 7th-generation Arkansan and has extensive experience in political and government service. Before being confirmed as DRA chairman, Caldwell served as the director of special projects for U.S. Senator John Boozman of Arkansas. Caldwell was the campaign manager for Boozman’s 2016 re-election campaign, as well as the political director for Boozman’s 2010 Senate campaign. He has also served on several other campaigns, including Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee's 2008 presidential bid and Arkansas Senator Tim Hutchinson’s 2002 Senate campaign. Beyond his political and government service, Caldwell has held various roles in the private sector and is an active volunteer in his community. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in communication from the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. Caldwell resides in Little Rock with his wife Ashley and their two children.

Aury Kangelos, Program Manager, Delta Regional Authority
Aury joined the Delta Regional Authority in July of 2018 following three years at Clemson University where he is working towards completing a PhD in Public Policy with a focus in regional economic development. Aury oversees multiple DRA initiatives, including the Delta Leadership Institute, and other federal partnerships. Aury has experience in local, state, and the Federal government serving in the Development Office for the Town of Collierville, TN and the Office of Community Transportation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning with a focus in economic development from the University of Memphis, and a Master of Science in Applied Economics and Statistics from Clemson University. Aury is also a graduate of the University of Memphis Herff College of Engineering’s Freight Transportation Leadership Academy. Originally from Union City, TN, Aury, his wife Sarah, and son Jameson recently relocated back to Memphis.

Julio Rodriguez, Deputy Director, Office of Employment and Training, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Julio is Deputy Director of the Office of Employment and Training (OET), which is responsible for the management and oversight of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federal program administered by the State of Illinois. Illinois receives over $140M from the U.S. Department of Labor for the program. Under Julio’s leadership for the last 19 years, OET has met or exceeded performance, developed nationally recognized sector-based training initiatives, secured 50 million additional federal dollars to support new model programs, developed training policy to increase the number of individuals receiving industry recognized credentials, and led a design team that launched a very successful online initiative - Illinois workNet - to expand and integrate the use of new technology tools into the local workforce system.
Speaker Biographies

David Schuermer, Director of Grants, Planning, and Effectiveness, Madisonville Community College
David has served as Director of Grants, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness for Madisonville Community College since 1999. In this position, he oversees development and preparation of grant proposals, coordinates the college’s on-going planning and evaluation processes, directs institutional research support, and serves as the college’s Accreditation Liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges. He holds both the M.A in English Language and Literature and M.Ed. in English Education from the University of Virginia, and the B.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Kentucky.

Craig Dixon, Grants Specialist, Madisonville Community College
Craig holds the M.S. in Computer Science from Western Kentucky University and the B.S. in Computer Science from Murray State University. He joined the staff of Madisonville Community College in 2005, first as webmaster and later as a grants specialist. Since he began writing grants in 2011, he has helped secure almost $10 million in grant funding from sources such as the National Science Foundation, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Delta Regional Authority, and several state agencies and private foundations. He currently co-chairs the Kentucky Community and Technical College System’s Sponsored Projects Peer Team.
U.S. Department of Labor’s Workforce Opportunity in Rural Communities (WORC) Grant Program
10:15am – 11:15am

In this session, a representative from the Delta Regional Authority will provide a comprehensive explanation of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for the U.S. Department of Labor’s WORC grant program to assist prospective applicants and partners in developing competitive proposals. This session will also include a high-level overview of the $1.5 million Delta Workforce Grant Program.

Speakers:
Aury Kangelos, Program Manager, Delta Regional Authority

Key Takeaways:
• WORC is a $29.2 million grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor in partnership with DRA and the Appalachian Regional Commission.
• WORC grants address workforce training and education for dislocated workers, incumbent workers, and new entrants to the workforce.
• The Delta Workforce Grant Program is a $1.5 million grant program administered by DRA to invest in industry-led workforce training programs.
• Both WORC and Delta Workforce Grant Program application proposals must include industry partnerships to address the skills gap and place individuals in high quality jobs.
• WORC funding cycle is tentatively scheduled for March – May 2020.
• The Delta Workforce Grant Program funding cycle is June 1 – August 30, 2020.

Additional Resources:
• For more information about the Delta Workforce Program, visit www.dra.gov/workforce
• To review the WORC Funding Opportunity Announcement, visit www.grants.gov
• To review the Delta Workforce Grant Program’s Request for Proposals, visit www.dra.gov/workforce (beginning June 1, 2020)
• For more information about DRA’s Regional Development Plan III and DRA State Plans, visit www.dra.gov/plans.

Contact Information:
Aury Kangelos, Program Manager
Delta Regional Authority
akangelos@dra.gov
In this session, a 2019 U.S. Department of Labor WORC grantee will provide an example of a successful workforce training program in western Kentucky and discuss strategies for building innovative partnerships with industry and higher education to attain workforce outcomes in rural areas. Additionally, the speakers will discuss key strategies for developing and submitting competitive proposals to public entities.

**Speakers:**
David Schuermer, Director of Grants, Planning, and Effectiveness, Madisonville Community College
Craig Dixon, Grants Specialist, Madisonville Community College

**Key Takeaways:**
- In 2019, Madisonville Community College (MCC) was awarded $1,258,842 by the U.S. Department of Labor WORC grant program to jointly create and deliver a four-week Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) training course with Henderson Community College (HCC). Recognizing the demand for transportation and utility professionals, the community colleges are also expanding MCC’s lineman training program into HCC’s service area.
- Since utility companies require linemen to hold a CDL as a condition of employment, the community colleges are delivering both lineman and CDL training in one location to meet this need.
- Madisonville Community College and Henderson Community College have built strategic partnerships with regional businesses and public and private entities to create a one-stop shop for individuals seeking employment in a six-county region, including: Henderson, Hopkins, McLean, Muhlenberg, Union, and Webster counties.

**Contact Information:**
David Schuermer, Director of Grants, Planning, and Effectiveness  
Madisonville Community College  
david.schuermer@kctcs.edu  

Craig Dixon, Grants Specialist  
Madisonville Community College  
david.schuermer@kctcs.edu
Creating a Competitive Proposal
1:45pm – 2:30pm

In this session, participants will breakout into groups to discuss how to build an effective workforce development program, how to scale, and how to create a strong workforce pipeline attractive for existing businesses, industry expansion and relocation, and prospective residents alike. Delta Regional Authority staff and program consultants will facilitate discussion by addressing key components of WORC’s Funding Opportunity Announcement.

Facilitators:
Delta Regional Authority Staff and Program Consultants

Key Takeaways:
• The purpose of the WORC grant program is to meet the needs of industry and job seekers by strengthening workforce development models to place individuals in quality jobs.
• Innovative partnerships between industry, higher education, training providers, and wraparound services are essential to develop and maintain a strong workforce ecosystem.
• Outputs and outcomes should be realistic and attainable and must be considered when developing the program design of a workforce initiative.

Additional Resources:
• To review the Funding Opportunity Announcement from the 2019 WORC grant cycle, visit: https://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/FOA-ETA-19-08.pdf
• For a list of past awards for the U.S. Department of Labor WORC grant program, visit: https://www.doleta.gov/DWGs/WORC/Grant-Awards/
• For more information on industry-recognized workforce training materials, visit Skills Commons: (http://www.skillscommons.org/)

Contact Information:
Aury Kangelos, Program Manager
Delta Regional Authority
akangelos@dra.gov

General questions? Email workforce@dra.gov.
ABOUT
The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) works to improve regional economic opportunity by helping to create jobs, build communities, and improve lives for the 10 million people who reside in the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state Delta region. Led by the Delta Regional Authority Board -- comprised of the Federal Co-Chairman, appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and the governors of the eight states -- DRA fosters local and regional partnerships that address economic and social challenges to ultimately strengthen the Delta economy and the quality of life for Delta residents.

DRA REGION
Per federal statute, DRA’s region includes 252 counties and parishes across eight states, collectively designated the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama regions.

Participating states include:
- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Tennessee

FUNDING PRIORITIES
- Basic Public Infrastructure
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Business Development & Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Development

Determination of a Distressed County/Parish:
Unemployment rate of one percent higher (5.2 percent) than the national average (4.2 percent) for the most recent 24-month period; or have a per capita income of 80 percent or less of the national per capita income.
ORGANIZATION

Chris R. Caldwell
Federal Co-Chairman

Governor
John Bel Edwards
States’ Co-Chairman

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ALABAMA
Governor
Kay Ivey

ARKANSAS
Governor
Asa Hutchinson

ILLINOIS
Governor
J.B. Pritzker

KENTUCKY
Governor
Andy Beshear

LOUISIANA
Governor
John Bel Edwards

MISSISSIPPI
Governor
Tate Reeves

MISSOURI
Governor
Mike Parson

TENNESSEE
Governor
Bill Lee

DESIGNEES/ALTERNATES:

ALABAMA
Designee - Kenneth Boswell
kenneth.boswell@adeca.alabama.gov
(334) 242-5090

Alternate - Crystal Davis
Crystal.davis@adeca.alabama.gov
(334) 393-2630

ARKANSAS
Designee - Amy Fecher
amy.fecher@arkansas.gov
(501) 319-9550

Alternate - Clint O’Neal
coneal@arkansasedc.com
(501) 682-7350

ILLINOIS
Designee - Brandi Bradley
bnbradley2012@gmail.com
(618) 889-3510

Alternate - Nikki Budzinski
nikki.budzinski@illinois.gov
(312) 533-5078

KENTUCKY
Designee & Alternate
Dennis Keene
dennis.keene@ky.gov
(502) 573-2382

LOUISIANA
Designee & Alternate
Leslie Durham
leslie.durham@la.gov
(225) 362-2731

MISSISSIPPI
Designee - Anne Hall Brashear
annehall.brashier@gov.reeves.ms.gov
(601) 359-3150

MISSOURI
Designee & Alternate
Luke Holtscneider
luke.holtscneider@ded.mo.gov
(573) 751-4999

TENNESSEE
Designee - Brooxie Carlton
brooxie.carlton@tn.gov
(615) 741-8806

Alternate - Brian Kelsey
brian.kelsey@capitol.tn.gov
(615) 741-3036

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- States’ Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)
- Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)
- Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (PWEAA)
- Delta Doctors
- Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)
- Rural Communities Advancement Program (RCAP)
  - Delta Leadership Institute (DLI)
  - Delta Workforce Program
  - Rural Community Development Program
  - USDA-Rural Development State Director Partnership
- Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Technical Assistance Program
Local Development Districts
Local Development Districts

ALABAMA

Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission
www.atrcregion6.com
John Clyde Riggs, Executive Director
jcriggs50@gmail.com
107 Broad St., Camden, AL 36726
(334) 682-4234

Lee-Russell Council of Governments
www.lrcog.com
Suzanne Burnette, Executive Director
2207 Gateway Dr., Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 749-5264

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
www.sarpc.org
John F. “Rickey” Rhodes, Executive Director
rrhodes@sarpc.org
110 Beauregard St., P.O. Box 1665, Mobile, AL 36602
(251) 433-6541

South Central Alabama Development Commission
www.scadc.net
Tyson Howard, Executive Director
thoward@scadc.net
5900 Carmichael Place, Montgomery, AL 36117
(334) 224-6903

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
www.searpdc.org
Thomas Solomon, Executive Director
tsolomon@searpdc.org
P.O. Box 1406, Dothan, AL 36302
(334) 794-4093

West Alabama Regional Commission
www.warc.info
Dennis Stripling, Executive Director
dennis.stripling@westal.org
4200 Highway 69 North, Suite 1, Northport, AL 35473
(205) 333-2990 ext. 218

ARKANSAS

Central Arkansas Planning and Development District
www.capdd.org
Rodney Larsen, Executive Director
rodney.larsen@capdd.org
P.O. Box 300, Lonoke, AR 72086
(501) 676-2721

East Arkansas Planning and Development District
www.eapdd.com
Melissa Rivers, Executive Director
mrivers@eapdd.com
2905 King St., Jonesboro, AR 72403
(870) 932-3957

Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District
www.nwaedd.org
Joe Willis, Executive Director
jwillis@nwaedd.org
P.O. Box 190, Harrison, AR 72602-0190
(870) 741-5404

Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District
Patricia Hargrove, Interim Executive Director
phargrove@southeastarkansas.org
P.O. Box 6806, Pine Bluff, AR 71611
(870) 536-1971

Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District
www.swapdd.com
Renee Dycus, Executive Director
renee.dycus@arkansas.gov
P.O. Box 524, Magnolia, AR 71754
(870) 234-4030

White River Planning and Development District
www.wrpdd.org
Jan Smith, Executive Director
P.O. Box 2396, Batesville, AR 72503
(870) 793-5233
## Local Development Districts

### ILLINOIS

**Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission**
www.greateregypt.org
Cary Minnis, Executive Director
caryminnis@greateregypt.org
3000 West DeYoung Street, Suite 800 B-3, Marion, IL 62959
(618) 997-9351

**Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission**
www.gwrpc.com
Rileigh Lear, Executive Director
director@gwrpc.com
10 West Main St., Albion, IL 62806
(618) 445-3612

**Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission**
www.sirpdc.org
Alene Carr, Executive Director
acarr.sirpdc@clearwave.com
230 W. Poplar, Harrisburg, IL 62946
(618) 252-7463

**Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission**
www.southernfive.org
Tiffany George, Executive Director
5 Justice Dr., Ullin, IL 62992
(618) 845-9000

**Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission**
Kevin Terveer, Executive Director
kterveer@simpac.com
2511 Vandalia, Collinsville, IL 62234
(618) 344-4250 ext. 108

### KENTUCKY

**Green River Area Development District**
www.gradd.com
Jiten Shah, Executive Director
jitenshah@gradd.com
300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301
(270) 926-4433

**Pennyrile Area Development District**
www.peadd.org
Jason Vincent, Executive Director
Jason.vincent@ky.gov
300 Hammond Dr., Hopkinsville, KY 42240
(270) 886-9484

**Purchase Area Development District**
www.purchaseadd.org
Jennifer Beck Walker, Executive Director
jennifer.beckwalker@purchaseadd.org
P.O. Box 588, Mayfield, KY 42066
(270) 247-7171

### LOUISIANA

**Capital Region Planning Commission**
www.crpcla.org
James Setze, Executive Director
jsetze@crpcla.org
333 N. 19th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 383-5203

**Imperial-Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission**
www.imcal.org
Cheri Soileau, Executive Director
cheri@imcal.org
4310 Ryan Street, Suite 3, Lake Charles, LA 70602
(337) 433-1771
Local Development Districts

Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District
www.kdelta.org
Heather Urena, Executive Director
HSUrena@aol.com
3516 Parliament Court, Alexandria, LA 71303
(318) 729-8996

North Delta Planning and Development District
www.northdelta.org
David Creed, Executive Director
david@northdelta.org
1913 Stubbs Ave., Monroe, LA 71201
(318) 387-2572

Regional Planning Commission
www.norpc.org
Maggie Woodruff, Executive Director
mwoodruff@norpc.org
10 Veterans Memorial Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 483-8500

South Central Planning and Development Commission
www.scpdc.org
Kevin P. Belanger, C.E.O.
kevin@scpdc.org
P.O. Box 1870, Gray, LA 70359
(985) 851-2900

The Coordinating and Development Corporation
www.cdconline.org
Jack Skagg, President & C.E.O.
jskagg@cdconline.org
5210 Hollywood Ave., Shreveport, LA 71109
(318) 632-2022

MISSISSIPPI
Central Mississippi Planning and Development District
www.cmpdd.org
Mike Monk, CEO
mmonk@cmpdd.org
1170 Lakeland Dr., P.O. Box 4935, Jackson, MS 39296
(601) 981-1511

East Central Planning and Development District
www.ecpdd.org
Bill Richardson, Executive Director
mail@ecpdd.org
P.O. Box 499, Newton, MS 39345
(601) 683-2007

North Central Planning and Development District
www.ncpdd.org
Steven Russell, Executive Director
srussell@ncpdd.org
711 South Applegate, Winona, MS 39090
(662) 283-2675

North Delta Planning and Development District
www.ndpdd.com
James Curcio, Executive Director
jcurcio@ndpdd.com
P.O. Box 1488, Batesville, MS 38606
(662) 561-4100

Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District
www.nempdd.com
Sharon Gardner, Executive Director
sgardner@nempdd.com
P.O. Box 600, Booneville, MS 38829
(662) 728-6248

South Delta Planning and Development District
www.southdeltapdd.com
Tommy Goodwin, Executive Director
tgoodwin@sdpdd.com
124 S. Broadway St., Greenville, MS 38701
(662) 378-3831

Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District
www.smpdd.com
Leonard Bentz, Executive Director
lbentz@smpdd.com
10441 Corporate Drive, Suite 1, Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 868-2311

Visit us at dra.gov
Local Development Districts

Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District
www.swmpdd.com
Wirt Peterson, Executive Director
wpeterson1@bellsouth.net
100 South Wall St., Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 446-6044

Three Rivers Planning and Development District
www.trpdd.com
Vernon R. Kelly, Executive Director
vrk@trpdd.com
75 South Main St., P.O. Box 690, Pontotoc, MS 38863
(662) 479-2415

MISSOURI
Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission
www.bootrpc.com
Hannah Barnett, Executive Director
hbarnett@bootrpc.com
105 E North St., Dexter, MO 63841
(573) 614-5178

Meramec Regional Planning Commission
www.meramecregion.org
Bonnie Prigge, Executive Director
bprigge@meramecregion.org
4 Industrial Dr., St. James, MO 65559
(573) 265-2993

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission
www.ofrpc.org
Felicity Ray, Executive Director
felicity@ofrpc.org
3019 Fair Street, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(573) 785-6402

South Central Ozark Council of Governments
www.scocog.org
Johnny Murrell, Executive Director
jmurrell@scocog.org
4407 County Road 2340, Pomona, MO 65789
(417) 256-4226

Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission
www.semorpc.org
Drew Christian, Deputy Executive Director
dchristian@semorpc.org
1 W. Saint Joseph St., P.O. Box 366, Perryville, MO 63775
(573) 547-8357

TENNESSEE
Memphis Area Association of Governments
www.maagov.org
Ralph Moore, Executive Director
rmoore@maagov.org
8289 Cordova Rd., Suite 103, Cordova, TN 38016
(901) 729-2871

Northwest Tennessee Development District
www.nwtdd.org
John Bucy, Executive Director
john.bucy@nwtdd.org
124 Weldon Dr., Martin, TN 38237
(731) 587-4213

Southwest Tennessee Development District
www.swtdd.org
Joe Barker, Executive Director
jwbarker@swtdd.org
102 East College St., Jackson, TN 38305
(731) 668-7112
Agency Directory

Federal Office
400 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 365
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 434-4870

Regional Headquarters
236 Sharkey Avenue, Suite 400
Clarksdale, MS 38614
(662) 624-8600

LEADERSHIP

Chris Caldwell
Federal Co-Chairman
(662) 624-8600

Brian Henson
Chief of Staff
bhenson@dra.gov
(202) 400-1453

STAFF

Amanda Allen
Senior Program Manager – SEDAP
aallen@dra.gov
(662) 483-8203

Alonda Jackson
Accounting & Human Resources Supervisor
ajackson@dra.gov
(662) 624-8600

Shawna Blair
Director of Communications and Public Engagement
sblair@dra.gov
(202) 434-4842

Aury Kangelos
Program Manager
akangelos@dra.gov
(901) 484-5082

Charles Buchanan
Director of Finance & Administration
cbuchanan@dra.gov
(662) 624-8600

Kemp Morgan
Director of Program Development & Management
kmorgan@dra.gov
(662) 483-8210

Susan Edwards
Program Analyst
sedwards@dra.gov
(501) 682-7392

Anita Stasher
Monitoring & Compliance Specialist
astasher@dra.gov
(662) 624-8600

Staresha Hoskins
Program Manager – RCAP
shoskins@dra.gov
(662) 483-8212

Christina Wade
Program Manager – Health
cwade@dra.gov
(662) 302-7339