



2018 Rural Economic Development Summit

Draft Topical Agenda

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Kissimmee, Florida

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

1:00-7:00 p.m.

Summit Registration

3:00-5:30 p.m.

Rural Issues Working Group: Facilitated Meeting

5:45-7:00 p.m.

Rural Summit Welcome Reception

Rural Volunteers of the Year Recognized

Thursday, October 25, 2018

7:15-8:30 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Opening General Session

Keynote Address: The State of Rural Florida

Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research,
Florida Chamber Foundation

Recognition of Rural Legislative Champions

9:45-10:30 a.m.

Bridging the Middle Skills Jobs Gap in Rural Florida
Del Boyette, Boyette Strategic Advisors

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break

Thursday, October 25, 2018 (cont.)

10:45-11:55 a.m.	Key Federal and State Funding Programs for Rural Florida
	Greg Vaday, AICP, Economic Development Representative, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)
	USDA Representative
	DEO Representative
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15-2:30 p.m.	Roles, Programs, and Trends in Rural Job Training at the State and Regional Levels: CareerSource!
	State and Rural Regional CareerSource Executive Directors
2:35-3:15 p.m.	Building the Pipeline of Workforce Talent: Innovative High School Program Linkages to Postsecondary Efforts
	Panel: High School Academies, Dual Enrollments and linkages to Post Secondary Institutions, and Apprenticeships
3:15-3:30 p.m.	BREAK
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Rural Issues Working Group Recap, Overview and Discussion
	The Honorable Terry Burroughs, Commissioner, Okeechobee County and Chair, Florida Heartland Economic Region of Opportunity

Thursday, October 25, 2018 (cont.)

4:00-5:00 p.m. **National Site Selection Consultants Panel**

Moderator: Tim Vanderhoof, Senior VP, Business Development and Marketing, EFI

John Lenio, Executive Vice President, Economist, CBRE

Two Additional Consultants

5:00-5:15 p.m. **Wrap Up Day 1**

5:30-7:00 p.m. **Consultants Networking Reception**

Friday, October 26, 2018

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration**

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Legislative Advocacy Challenges, Priorities, Strategies and Efforts for Rural Florida**

Panel

9:30-10:15 a.m. **REAL World Economic Development Challenges in Rural Florida**

Panel: Perspectives from Local Economic Development Professionals

10:15-10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30-11:30 a.m. **Closing Keynote Address**
Representative from Golden Triangle, Mississippi

11:30-11:45 a.m. **Summit Wrap Up and Charge**