



# 2018 Rural Economic Development Summit

## Draft Topical Agenda

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Kissimmee, Florida

### Wednesday, October 24, 2018

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| 1:00-7:00 p.m. | <b>Summit Registration</b>   |
| 3:00-5:30 p.m. | <b>Rural Issues Working Group: Facilitated Meeting</b>                             |
| 5:45-7:00 p.m. | <b>Rural Summit Welcome Reception</b><br>*Rural Volunteers of the Year Recognized* |

### Thursday, October 25, 2018

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| 7:15-8:30 a.m.   | <b>Registration and Breakfast</b>   |
| 8:30-9:45 a.m.   | <b>Opening General Session</b><br><br><b>Keynote Address: The State of Rural Florida</b><br><br>Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research,<br>Florida Chamber Foundation<br><br><b>Recognition of Rural Legislative Champions</b> |
| 9:45-10:30 a.m.  | <b>Bridging the Middle Skills Jobs Gap in Rural Florida</b><br>Del Boyette, Boyette Strategic Advisors  |
| 10:30-10:45 a.m. | <b>Break</b>  |

# 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.	<b>National Site Selection Consultants Panel</b>  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.	<b>Wrap Up Day 1</b>
5:30-7:00 p.m.	<b>Consultants Networking Reception</b>

## Friday, October 26, 2018

7:30-8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and Registration</b>
8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>Legislative Advocacy Challenges, Priorities, Strategies and Efforts for Rural Florida</b>  Panel
9:30-10:15 a.m.	<b>REAL World Economic Development Challenges in Rural Florida</b>  Panel: Perspectives from Local Economic Development Professionals
10:15-10:30 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>Closing Keynote Address</b> Representative from Golden Triangle, Mississippi
11:30-11:45 a.m.	<b>Summit Wrap Up and Charge</b>