NC EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP CONFERENCE 2026

SEPTEMBER 16 ▪ 9 AM-5 PM
MCKIMMON CENTER, RALEIGH, NC

$25 REGISTRATION - LUNCH INCLUDED

Discover the power of employee ownership, a tool for ownership succession that also increases employee recruitment, retention, and engagement.

Employee ownership via Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs), Employee Ownership Trusts (EOTs), and Worker Cooperatives keeps legacy businesses open and locally owned long-term, while providing employees and communities with a powerful wealth-building tool.

Business owners: Employee Ownership is a succession option offering fair market value and potential tax benefits, while honoring your legacy and increasing employee recruitment & retention. Additionally, a partial sale is an opportunity for liquidity & diversification.

Municipality: *Employee Ownership Raleigh* is a joint initiative between NCEOC, DAWI, and the City of Raleigh to retain legacy businesses, rooting jobs and wealth in the community. Take home a toolkit to create your own initiative that bolsters business succession with the support and reach of local governmental entities.

Advisors: Add Employee Ownership to your toolkit, differentiating yourself and adding value for your clients.

SESSION TOPICS

For Business Owners, Existing Employee-Owned Companies, and Advisors	For Municipalities
• Which Employee Ownership Model Is Right for Me? An Overview of ESOPs, EOTs and Worker Cooperatives (Business Owners, Advisors) • Continuing Education Credit for Advisors: 1 Hour CE/CLE Overview of the 3 Models of Employee Ownership (Advisors) • Intentional Employee Communications for Employee Owners (All) • Dependency Trap: Why Most Businesses Aren't Sale-Ready — and What You Can Do About It (Business Owners, Advisors) • ESOPs: Flexible Solutions for Owner, Business, and Employee Objectives (Business Owners, Advisors) • What Cooperatives Got Right: Democratic Governance for Any Company (All) • Creating Ownership Culture with Open Book Management (All) • EOT's - More Than Just a New Acronym (Business Owners, Advisors) • ESOPs in Action: From Transition to Long-Term Success (Existing ESOPs, Advisors, Business Owners) • Beyond Ownership: Building the Next Generation of Employee Owners Through Leadership and Succession (All)	• Business retention: ensuring legacy businesses stay open and locally owned long-term. • Workforce development • How a collaboration can extend reach and legitimacy • Different roles and responsibilities in an initiative: structure, data intake, ongoing support, etc. • Examples of marketing, co-branding, and videos • Meet with City of Raleigh leaders, DAWI, & NCEOC, & take home a toolkit to implement a similar initiative in your own state



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Or, click the link below:
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Business legacy, resilient economies and community wealth.

For more information, contact the NC Employee Ownership Center at info@ncoec.org.

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