Mid-Columbia MCEDD
Economic Development District

# 2025 Columbia Gorge Annual Economic Symposium

**November 7, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**The Ruins, Hood River**

## DRAFT Agenda

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| 8:00 a.m. | Full Breakfast and Networking<br>*Pastries, breakfast burritos, fruit and beverages.* |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome Remarks from Mid-Columbia Economic Development District |
| 9:15 a.m. | Keynote Presentation from Erin McMahon, Director of Oregon Office of Emergency Management<br><br>*Including Audience Q&A* |
| 10:00 a.m. | Resiliency Breakout Activity #1 |
| 10:15 a.m. | Regional Economy Trends and Forecasts<br>• Ajsa Suljic, Washington Employment Security Department<br>• Nicole Ramos, Oregon Employment Department<br><br>*Including Audience Q&A* |
| 11:15 a.m. | Resiliency Breakout Activity #2 |
| 11:30 a.m. | Panel: Resilience From My Perspective<br>*Featuring a panel of different industries speaking about what resilience means to them and ideas for improvement.*<br><br>*Including Audience Q&A* |
| 12:15 p.m. | Closing Remarks from the Audience: Resiliency Breakout Activity #3 |
| 12:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

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