

Education and Workforce Development

Moderated by Joe Sumners, Ph.D., Director ECDI
Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center
December 10th and 11th, 2009
Alabama Prosperity Forum
Economic and Community Development Institute
Auburn University & Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Thursday, December 10, 2009

- 9:00 AM Registration and Welcome
- 9:15 AM Workforce Development for Alabama's Changing Economy **confirmed**
Joe Sumners, Ph.D., Director, Economic and Community Development Institute
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- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Education for the 21st Century Economy **confirmed**
Suzanne Freeman, Ph.D., Superintendent, Trussville City Schools
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- 11:15 AM Career/ Technical Education in Alabama **confirmed**
Sherry Key, Director, Career/ Technical Education in Alabama, ASDE
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- Noon Lunch
- 1:15 PM STEM : *Education & Workforce Development and our youth*
George Blanks, Ed.D., Director of K-12 Engineering Outreach, Samuel Ginn
College of Engineering, Auburn University **confirmed**
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- 1:45 PM Technology in the Classroom
Joan Greene, Education Specialist Technology Initiatives, Alabama
Department of Education **confirmed**
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- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM Shoals Area Career and Workforce Development
Stephanie Newland, Director of Workforce Development, Shoals Chamber of
Commerce - **pending**
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- 3:30 PM Break
- 3:45 PM Promoting Successful Employment
Jim Kellan, Director of the Southwest Alabama Workforce Development
Council - **confirmed**
Al Etheridge, Field Director of the Southwest Alabama Workforce
Development
Council - **confirmed**
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- 4:45 PM Adjourn

Friday, December 11, 2009

8:00 AM Panel : The Hidden Workforce

Anna Pritchett, Associate State Director for Advocacy Outreach, AARP -
[confirmed](#)

Amelia Hall Stehouwer, Research and Communications, ECDI [confirmed](#)

9:00 AM Break

9:15 AM AMSTI:

Steve Ricks, Director AMSTI, Alabama Department of Education [confirmed](#)

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM The Alabama Workforce Development Team

Mathew Hughes, Director, Office of Workforce Development [pending](#)

Amy Brabham, Associate Director for Business and Education Services

Governor's Office of Workforce Development [confirmed](#)

11:00 AM Round Tables

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11:45 AM Wrap – up and adjourn