



2015 NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

BUSINESS + ENTERPRISE

DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

BUILDING ARKANSAS: ONE SMALL BUSINESS AT A TIME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

HOLIDAY INN - BLYTHEVILLE

1121 MAIN STREET

BLYTHEVILLE, AR 72315

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2015 NORTHEASTERN ARKANSAS BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Friday, September 4, 2015

AGENDA

8:30 - 8:45 WELCOME

Clevon Young, Executive Director
Arkansas Human Development Corporation
James Sanders, Mayor of Blytheville
City of Blytheville
Dr. Blanche Hunt, Associate Vice President of
Community Relations & Dean of Developmental
Education; Arkansas Northeastern College

8:45 - 9:45 BREAKFAST WITH THE LENDERS

Facilitator, Linda Nelson, Director
United States Small Business Administration
Bryan Exum, Area Director
USDA - Rural Development; Jonesboro, AR
Michael Fasulo, Vice President
Arkansas Capital Corporation Group
Randy Scott, President
Farmers Bank & Trust
Monte Hodges, Bank Representative
Southern Bancorp
Jim Church, Commercial Loan Office
Hope Credit Union
Russell Hampton, Market Manager
LiftFund

9:45 - 10:00 LENDERS NETWORKING SESSION (BREAK/EXHIBIT)

10:00 - 10:30 Chris Crawley, Owner
That Bookstore in Blytheville
"The Value of Networking & Strategic Partnership"

10:30 - 11:00 Robert Bahn, Lead Business Consultant
Arkansas Small Business & Technology Development
Center - Arkansas State University

11:00 - 12:00 Max Franks, Outreach Coordinator
Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center
Carla Morris, Division Chief
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
Ida Emerson, Program Manager
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
Randy Henderson, Inventory Coordinator
NUCOR Steel Corporation

12:00 - 2:00 LUNCHEON

Welcome Liz Smith, Executive Director
Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce

Invocation Rev. Arthur Hunt, Executive Director
College of Aspiring Artists
Pastor of Hunt Memorial Cathedral of Faith

Introduction of Speaker Lawrence McCullough, State Director of AR
USDA - Rural Development

Speaker Honorable Carolyn Parker, Director of Outreach & Advocacy USDA - Rural Development; Washington, DC

Recognition of Special Guest Sam Scruggs, Executive Director
Mississippi County Arkansas
Economic Opportunity Commission

CLOSING REMARKS Clevon Young, Executive Director
Arkansas Human Development
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AR Capital Corporation Group / AR Economic Development Commission
AR Northeastern College / AR Procurement Assistance Center / AR State
Chamber of Commerce / AR Department of Workforce Services / AR State
University AR Small Business and Technology Development Center
Communities Unlimited / Eastern AR Planning and Development District
Farmers Bank & Trust / Hope Credit Union / LiftFund
Mississippi County AR Economic Opportunity Commission / NUCOR Steel
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