Workforce Solutions Conference

The changes that are occurring in the national and global economy have forced substantive changes in the field of economic development. Communities can no longer solely rely on real estate costs, labor rates and basic infrastructure to ensure success. In order to compete in today's knowledge based economy, it is important to understand the link between workforce development and economic development. It is imperative we strengthen existing business and industry, and consider factors such as quality of education and training found in the region. The Community Development Foundation and its partners are committed to strengthening the region through workforce development and training.

Please join us in our first Workforce Solutions Conference “Preparing Northeast Mississippi for a 21st Century Workforce.” Internationally known futurist Ed Barlow will take us through the uncharted territory of the 21st century. Ed will discuss the impact of globalization, new technology, changing demographics and the impact they will have on our future prosperity and workforce.

Bestselling author and internationally acclaimed keynote speaker and workshop leader Jim Clemmer will be speaking about “Leading at the Speed of Change” and how leadership today will ensure a successful workforce tomorrow.

Conference Agenda

**Wednesday, September 7**

3:30-5:30 p.m. Registration
ICC Multi Purpose/Startup Room

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Welcome
Dr. David Cole
President, Itawamba Community College

Special Introductions
Mr. David Rumbarger
President/CEO, Community Development Foundation

MDES Program Update
Ms. Tommye Dale Favre, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Keynote Address
The Honorable Haley Barbour

1:15-2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

“Preparing a Human Resource Plan for Your Organization”
Mr. Ed Barlow

“Applications of Leadership”
Mr. Jim Clemmer

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:30 p.m. “Preparing a Human Resource Plan for Your Organization”
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“Applications of Leadership”
Mr. Jim Clemmer

4:30-5:00 p.m. Return to auditorium and adjourn

**Thursday, September 8**

7:00-8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
Advanced Education Center

8:00-8:15 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
AEC Auditorium

Mr. Randy Kelley, Executive Director
Three Rivers Planning and Development District

Mr. Mike Clayborne, President
CREATE Foundation

8:15-10:00 a.m. “Creating a Competitive Economic and Workforce Advantage”
Mr. Ed Barlow

10:00-10:15 a.m. Networking Break

10:15-12 Noon “Leading at the Speed of Change”
Mr. Jim Clemmer

12 Noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch
ICC Multipurpose/Startup Room

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**Friday, September 9**

7:00-7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
AEC

8:00 a.m.-12 Noon Concurrent Sessions

“Enhancing the Competitiveness of Mississippi’s Furniture Industry Through Workforce Training and Development”
Dr. Liam E. Leightley, Director, Institute of Furniture Manufacturing and Management; Dr. G. Stephen Taylor, Professor of Management, College of Business and Industry, Mississippi State University

“Creating Value and Eliminating Waste Utilizing the Advantages of Lean and Six Sigma”
Mr. Steve Miller, University of Southern Mississippi’s Lean Enterprise Center

“Mississippi Corridor Consortium”
Mr. James Williams, Vice President of Economic and Community Services, ICC; Ms. Nadara Cole, Vice President of Workforce Training and Economic Development, NEMCC; Dr. Raj Shaunak, Director of Workforce Services, EMCC

“Work Link Advantages- Occupational Health Benefits for You and Your Employees”
Ms. Charlotte West, Manager

Haley Barbour of Yazoo City is the 63rd Governor of Mississippi. He was elected on November 4, 2003. Governor Barbour's top priority for his administration has been to create more and better jobs. The Legislature recently passed his workforce development legislation, which will result in a stronger, more skilled workforce.

Governor Barbour believes education is our number one economic development issue in Mississippi and the number one quality of life issue in the state. He has offered solutions for Mississippi's teacher shortage crisis, some of which the Legislature has passed, and he successfully supported full funding of next year's teacher pay raise. He also worked for increased funding for universities and community colleges.

Governor Barbour has already presided over four major economic development announcements — Textron, Faurecia, FedEx Ground, and the Braves Double A Franchise — that stand to add several thousand new jobs to Mississippi's economy.
Registration Rates:
$150 per person. CDF offers a 10% discount off the basic rate for groups of three or more. Please submit registration forms for ALL members of the group at the same time. Please have registration forms postmarked by August 28, 2005. Conference fees include Wednesday dinner, Thursday breakfast and lunch, Friday breakfast, all sessions, and conference materials. Spouse registration is $75 and includes all meals and sessions mentioned above but no conference materials. For more information, please contact Ms. Betty Scott at CDF at 662.842.4521. Fax or mail completed forms to CDF:

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