

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee: Economic and Workforce Development Joint Subcommittees Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel | **Room:** Delaware A/B

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee Economic and Workforce Development Subcommittee Leadership

Economic Development Subcommittee Chair: Hon. Martha Schrader, Commissioner, Clackamas County, Ore.
Economic Development Subcommittee Vice Chair: Hon. Kathryn Dodge, Assembly Member, Fairbanks, Alaska
Economic Development Subcommittee Vice Chair: Hon. Sharon Green Middleton, Council Member, Baltimore City, Md.
Economic Development Subcommittee Vice Chair: Hon. Ella Scarborough, Commissioner, Mecklenburg County, N.C.
Workforce Development Subcommittee Chair: Hon. Renee Price, Commissioner, Orange County, N.C.
Workforce Development Subcommittee Vice Chair: Hon. Mark Jacobs, Director of Workforce, Dakota County, Minn.
Workforce Development Subcommittee Vice Chair: Hon. Brenda Howerton, Commissioner, Durham County, N.C.

Draft Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome

Economic Development Program

EXIM Bank Reauthorization

The U.S. Export Import (EXIM) Bank was reauthorized as part of the federal surface transportation reauthorization legislation. Administration officials will provide a summary of the EXIM reauthorization, status of bank transactions and opportunities for counties to utilize EXIM Bank services.

Speaker: Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export Import Bank of the United States

Select USA Update

SelectUSA was created to showcase the U.S. as the world's premier business location and to provide easy access to federal-level programs and services related to foreign direct investment. Learn more about the resources available for counties as well as upcoming events.

Speakers: David Campbell, Esq., Deputy Director of Investment Services, SelectUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce
Felicia Pullam, Director of Outreach, SelectUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce

EB-5 Program

The EB-5 program funds visas for foreigners who provide financial assistance in targeted employment areas for investment in state and local economic development projects and job creation. Hear more about the program and how counties can set up or utilize regional centers for EB-5 funding.

Speaker: Nicole Merlene, Advocacy Coordinator, Invest In the USA

Workforce Development Program

WIOA Implementation: How goes it so far?

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law July 22, 2014 to help jobseekers access employment opportunities and match employers with skilled workers they need to compete in the 21st century. Federal, state and local officials and practitioners will discuss progress thus far on WIOA implementation including successes, opportunities and major challenges to date with the implementation process.

Moderator: Gerri Fiala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Panelists:

- **Ron Painter**, Executive Director, National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)
- **Mark Katz**, Government Affairs Director, National Association of State Workforce Agencies
- **Hon. Eldon Callen**, Commissioner, Monongalia County, W.V.
- **Mark Jacobs**, Director of Workforce, Dakota County, Minn.
- **Natalie Ortiz**, Senior Justice Research Analyst, NACo

Meeting Concludes

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