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| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome/Orientation                                                  | Steve Jones  
DRA Designee & Alternate to DRA Board for Governor Mike Beebe  
Chairman Christopher Masingill  
Delta Regional Authority  
Chancellor Dr. Laurence Alexander  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff |
|         | Reimagining the Delta Workforce                                       | Assembling leaders in business and industry, community colleges and higher education, local and state government, this summit will use the report *Future of the South: Reimagining Workforce Development* as the framework for discussing the challenges, needs, and opportunities to strengthen our region's workforce systems into an effective workforce pipeline of trained and skilled workers. This summit is about job creation, education, and economic development for the Delta region. |
| 9:15-9:45 | Congressman Mike Ross                                                | Arkansas Democrat  
Gubernatorial Candidate |
|         | Perspectives on the AR Workforce Development and Training Needs for the next administration from an Arkansas Gubernatorial Candidate |         |
| 10:00-11:00 | State of the State for Arkansas’s Workforce Development System        | Randy Zook, President  
Arkansas State Chamber, and Associated Industries of Arkansas  
Shane Broadway  
Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Governor’s Cabinet on Workforce  
Senator Jane English  
Arkansas General Assembly  
Private Sector Perspective from Business and Industry in Arkansas  
Public Sector Outlook from the State Government Role and Perspective  
Legislative Viewpoint of Workforce Development and Training in Arkansas |
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| 11:10–12:15  | **Linda Hoke**  
Economic Leadership LLC  
Co-Author Reimagining Workforce Development |
|              | **Reimagining Workforce Development Report**  
A report sponsored and supported by DRA and compiled by the Southern Growth Policies Board  
Presentation of Report Findings:  
1. Reimagine Readiness  
2. Reengage Adult Learners and Disconnected Youth  
3. Realigning Relationships and Resources  
4. Listening to the South |
| 12:15–1:00   | Break/Working Lunch  
Participants will have 10 minutes to pick up their lunch & return to their seats for presentation. |
| 12:30-1:00   | **Congressman Asa Hutchinson**  
Arkansas Republican Gubernatorial Candidate |
|              | **Perspectives on the AR Workforce Development and Training Needs for the next administration from an Arkansas Gubernatorial Candidate** |
| 1:00-1:15    | Break                                                                    |
| 1:15- 2:15   | **Moderator, Roby Brock**  
Talk Business and Politics  
Panelists:  
Michael Garner, Haas Industries  
Tim McKenna, Dir. of Recruiting Axiom Corp.  
Annette Kline, Co-Owner  
Strong Manufacturing/member of SEARK Board of Trustees |
|              | **Business and Industry Roundtable**  
A roundtable discussion centered around business & industry and the challenges they face and needs they have in retaining & recruiting skilled workers. Topics include:  
1. Finding solutions for manufacturer’s emerging workforce needs  
2. The role of business and Industry in developing a skilled workforce  
3. Career paths, credentials, curriculum, and training that works vs. those don’t  
4. Industry recommendations for workforce training |

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2:15-3:00 Federal and National Initiatives

What is happening within federal governments, congressional activities and national initiatives within the private sector. How is that impacting regional, state and local efforts in workforce development and training?

Jim Hermes, AACC Center for Workforce and Economic Development
Jaimie Matthews, US Chamber of Commerce

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15–4:00 Moderator, Jim Youngquist
Exec. Director, Institute for Economic Advancement
Panelists:
Dr. Sandra Massie, ASU System, VP Walker, ACE, Director
Dept. of Higher Education
Elbert Bennett, Vice Chancellor
Student Affairs, UAPB
David Rainey, School Superintendent
Leadership Institute

The Educational and Career Training Stakeholder Perspective

What is the role, focus, and responsibility of our state's education institutions with our workforce training?
What is the future of their partnership in trying to address current and future workforce needs?

4:10-5:00 Moderator, Steve Jones
Panelists:
Debra Lyons, ACT
Dr. Robert Gunter
Artee Williams
Ted Townsend

Regional Best Practices, Models and Initiatives between Economic Development and Workforce Development

An in-depth panel discussion on programs and initiatives featuring experts from academia, public and private sector addressing best practices in economic and workforce development
Certified Work Ready Communities
ADTEC, Mid-South Community College
AR Dept. of Workforce Services
Chief of Staff/Deputy Commissioner for Economic & Community Development (DRA Board Member)

5:00 Wrap-up and Reception