

# Accessing Federal Resources to Strengthen the Regional Economy: A Technical Assistance Workshop

April 13, 2011

Hunter Henry Center, Mississippi State University

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8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Registration – Lobby**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Introduction and Overview – Parker Ballroom**

Guy Land, *Chief of Staff, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Former Lt. Governor Amy Tuck, *Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of Campus Operations, Mississippi State University*

Trina George, *Mississippi State Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Mike Armour, *Director, Mississippi Appalachian Regional Commission Office*

Earl Gohl, *Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission*

10:00 a.m. **“The Keys to Success” – Grant Writing 101**

Dr. Jeffrey Schwartz, *Education Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission*

10:30 – **Concurrent Sessions**

11:45 a.m.

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Brunson Seminar Room**

Moderator: Jeffrey Schwartz, *Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Adrienne Dunbar, *Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education*

Lovie Thompson, *Senior Project Officer, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor*

## **INFRASTRUCTURE – Parker Ballroom North**

Moderator: Sue Moreland, *Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Trina George, *Mississippi State Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Jonathan Corso, *Georgia Economic Development Representative, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*

Donnetta McAdoo, *Senior Community Planning and Development Representative, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development*

## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – Parker Ballroom South**

Moderator: Ronnie Davis, *Alabama State Director, Rural Development, USDA*

Rhonda Fisher, *Supervisory Lender Relations Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration*

Vernita Dore, *South Carolina State Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Doug Gurley, *State Director, Mississippi Small Business Development Centers*



12:00 p.m.

**Networking Lunch – Parker Ballroom**

**“Cobbling Together the Money”: Using Multiple Funding Sources to Diversify the Local Economy – a Best Practice Case Study**

Michael Hainsey, *Executive Director, Golden Triangle Regional Airport*

12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

**Networking – Parker Ballroom**

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions (repeat of morning sessions)**

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3:00 p.m.

**Closing remarks – Parker Ballroom**

Earl Gohl, *Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Donnie Thomas, *Georgia State Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

John White, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Outreach, U.S. Department of Education*

Dr. Jackie Williams, *Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

3: 15 – 3:45 p.m.

**Informal Networking – Parker Ballroom**

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