



REVITALIZING RURAL FLORIDA!

2017 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

AGENDA

WORLD GOLF VILLAGE RESORT
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- 1:00-7:00 p.m. **Summit Registration**
- 3:00-5:30 p.m. **Rural Issues Working Group: Facilitated Meeting**
- 5:45-7:00 p.m. **Rural Summit Welcome Reception**
- **2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Remarks**
The Honorable Adam Putnam, Agriculture Commissioner of Florida
 - **Rural Volunteers of the Year Recognized**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

- 7:15-8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:45 a.m. **Opening General Session**
- Call to Order and Moderator:** The Honorable Terry Burroughs
Commissioner, Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners and Chair,
FHRO
- Keynote Address: The State of Rural Florida**
Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research, Florida
Chamber Foundation
- Rural Economic Development Legislative Champions**
Members of Florida Legislature Recognized

Thursday, December 14, 2017 (cont.)

- 9:45-10:05 a.m. **2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Remarks**
The Honorable Jack Latvala, Florida Senator, 16th District
- 10:05-10:20 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:20-11:00 a.m. **Where Rural Fits in the State's Economic Development Plans**
Moderator: Antonio Jefferson, Chair, Opportunity Florida, Inc.
Peter Antonacci, President & CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Cissy Proctor, Executive Director, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- 11:00-11:20 a.m. **2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Remarks**
- 11:20-12:10 p.m. **Best Practices for Economic Recovery from a Natural Disaster**
Moderator: Jeff Hendry, Executive Director, North Florida Economic Development Partnership
David Jahosky, Managing Director, Government & Community Services Division, Government Services Group
Nethel Stephens, Grants Specialist, Government Services Group
- 12:10-1:15 p.m. **Lunch and Networking**
- 1:30-2:45 p.m. **Utilities Panel**
Moderator: Darryl Register, Chair, North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP)
Danielle Ruiz, Senior Economic Development Manager, Duke Energy-Florida
Rick Byars, General Manager, Community and Economic Development, Gulf Power Company
Crystal Stiles, Director of Economic Development, Florida Power and Light
Kaitlynn Culpepper, Manager, Community Relations Specialist, Tri-County Electric Cooperative
Mike Cassel, Director of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

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2:45-3:05 p.m.

BREAK

3:05-3:50 p.m.

Workforce Talent and Rural Florida

Moderator: Richard Williams, Executive Director, Opportunity Florida, Inc.

Gray Swoope, President and CEO, VisionFirst Advisors

Melissa Medley, Principal, VisionFirst Advisors

3:50-5:00 p.m.

National Site Selection Consultants Panel

Moderator: Tim Vanderhoof

Senior Vice President for Business Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Bob Cook, Senior Vice President, Site Selection Group, El Paso, TX

Courtney Dunbar, Industrial Program and Economic Development Leader,
Olsson Associates, Omaha, NE

Gray Swoope, President and CEO, VisionFirst Advisors, Tallahassee, FL

5:00-5:15 p.m.

Wrap Up Day 1

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Consultants Networking Reception

Friday, December 15, 2017

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Creative Local Incentives and Financing for Projects**
Moderator: Jeff Hendry, Executive Director, North Florida
Economic Development Partnership
- Joseph B. Stanton, Partner, Broad and Cassel, LLP
- Jo Thacker, Partner, Broad and Cassel, LLP
- Victor Leotta, President and CEO, Leotta Location and Design
- 9:30-9:50 a.m. **2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Remarks**
The Honorable Andrew Gillum, Mayor, City of Tallahassee
- 9:50-10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Keynote and Call to Action**
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. **Summit Wrap Up and Charge**

