



May 4, 2011
Washington Marriott Hotel on 22nd Street NW
Washington, D.C.

Agenda

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

8:00 a.m. **Opening Welcome and Purpose of the Summit**

Presenter: **Roger Sampson**, President, Education Commission of the States

Panel #1 – The Role of Education in Rural Economic Development

Moderator: **David Longanecker**, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Panelists: **Secretary Arne Duncan**, U.S. Department of Education
Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Respondents: **Diane DeBacker**, Commissioner of Education, Kansas Department of Education

Senator Cooper Garnos, Majority Whip and Chair of the Senate Education Committee, South Dakota Senate

Representative Rae Ann Kelsch, Chair of the House Education Committee, North Dakota House of Representatives

Congressman Aaron Schock, 18th District of Illinois, U. S. House of Representatives

Melody Schopp, Secretary of Education, South Dakota Department of Education

Stephanie Tyler, President, AT&T Nevada

Audience Discussion with Panelists

Audience members will pose questions to the panelists about key policies and challenges that weren't addressed – and what might be done to overcome them.

10:00 a.m. **BREAK**

10:10 a.m. **Successful Models of Education and Economic Development Partnerships**

Presenters: **Julie and Clay Mohr**, Teachers, Arnold Public Schools, "School House Graphic Products," Arnold, Nebraska

Earl F. Gohl, Federal Co-Chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission

Kathleen Castle, Executive Director, Alaska Construction Academies

John D. Conley, Chairman, Eagle-Net Alliance and Executive Director of Colorado's Statewide Internet Portal Authority
Phillip J. Bond, President and CEO of TechAmerica and Board Member of TechAmerica Foundation
Robert Stewart, Executive Director, Rural Community Assistance Partnership

11:50 a.m. **BREAK and pick up lunches**

12:00 a.m. **LUNCH – Available Resources and Collaboration at the Local, State, Federal Levels – The Obvious and the Not So Obvious.**

Presenters: **John White**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach, USDE
Cheryl Cook, Deputy Undersecretary, Rural Development, USDA
Gary Allan, Acting Director, Advanced Services Division, USDA

12:50 p.m. **BREAK**

1:00 p.m. **Broadband and Technology Resources and Solutions**

Presenters: **Aneesh Chopra**, United States Chief Technology Officer, Assistant to the President and Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science & Technology Policy, White House
Karen Cator, Director of the Office of Educational Technology, USDE

1:30 p.m. **Roundtables – Recommended Changes in Policy**

Each table will discuss how key state and federal policies could/should be changed to allow states more flexibility in implementing collaborative partnerships that increase the alignment between education and economic development. Recommendations will be created and prioritized, and then shared in the next session.

2:30 p.m. **Panel #2 – Roundtable Recommendations for Panel Respondents**

Moderator: **David Longanecker**, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Panelists: **Representative Patrice Arent**, Utah House of Representatives
Virginia Barry, Commissioner of Education, New Hampshire Department of Education
Joseph Meyer, Secretary of Education and Workforce Development, Kentucky
Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor
Doug O'Brien, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Stephanie Tyler, President, AT&T Nevada
John White, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach, U. S. Department of Education
Kathie Whitley, Vice President Human Resources, Archer Daniels Midland Company

Panel members will respond to recommendations generated from the roundtables.

3:30 p.m.

Thank You and Closing Remarks

Presenter: **Roger Sampson**, President, Education Commission of the States