

# State Economic Development Leaders Roundtable

June 14-15, 2016

Hosted by  
**Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**  
 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, Nashville, TN

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**NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership, U.S. Dept. of Commerce**

June 14	Topic	Confirmed Speakers/Facilitators
12:00 – 1:30	Introductions, Overview & State briefings (Lunch provided)	Randy Boyd, Commissioner, Tennessee Dept. of Economic and Community Development  Sandra Watson, President & CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority
1:30 – 2:15	State economic development heading in 2017 and beyond? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthesizing trends &amp; opportunities</li> <li>• Enhancing the Federal-State Partnership</li> </ul>	Dan Berglund, President, SSTI Phillip Singerman, Associate Director, NIST, US DOC Tom Guevara, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Economic Development Administration
2:15 - 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 3:15	Engaging industries and economic development in preparing the talent pipeline	Kevin McKinnon, Deputy Commissioner, Economic Development, Minnesota Dept. of Employment and Economic Dev.
3:15 – 4:15	Best practices in rural development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening and leveraging rural assets</li> <li>• Diversifying rural economies</li> <li>• Improving broadband access</li> <li>• Building local capacity to support economic and community development</li> </ul>	Randy Boyd, Tennessee /  Courtney Dentlinger, Director, Nebraska Economic Development Dept.
4:15 – 5:30	Potential multi-state collaborations (3 working group sessions) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promoting entrepreneurship</li> <li>2. Investing in innovation (e.g., NNMI)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bernice Whaley, Director, Delaware Economic Development Office</li> <li>2. Anna Ewing, Chief Operating Officer, Colorado Office of Econ Dev and Int'l Trade /</li> </ol>

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	3. Expanding foreign investment to the US	Carroll Thomas, Director, NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership  Victor Smith, Secretary, Indiana Economic Development Corporation / Glenn McCullough, Director, Mississippi Development Authority
6:00	Evening activities	Hosted by Tennessee Dept. of Community and Economic Development

June 15	Topic	Confirmed Speakers/Facilitators
8:00 - 8:30	Networking Breakfast	
8:30 - 9:15	Working session – building consensus on performance metrics	Ken Poole, President, Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness
9:15 – 10:00	Best practices in economic development reporting and transparency	Tricia Braun, Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. / Ted Townsend, Chief of Staff, Tennessee Dept. of Economic and Community Development
10:00 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:15	Managing change in a transparent environment (working breakout sessions)  1. Focus on partnership building  2. Focus on economic development staff recruitment and retention	1. Val Hale, Executive Director, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development 2. Mike Downing, Director, Missouri Dept. of Economic Development
11:15 – 12:00	Strategies for expanding your manufacturing sector	Jennifer Noel Fletcher, Deputy Secretary, SC Dept. of Commerce
12:00 – 1:00	Open discussion among the chief executives (Lunch provided)	Sandra Watson, Arizona / Randy Boyd, Tennessee
1:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn and Depart</b>	