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2016 WEDA Winter Conference



March 1st & 2nd, 2016
Red Lion Hotel
2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington



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Conference Agenda

Tuesday, March 1st, 2016

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am **Board Meeting** (Capital Room)
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am **Registration** (Lobby)
- 11:30 am **Buffet Lunch** (Fir Room)
Welcome and Introductions
- 12:00 pm – 1:00pm **“Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” – Federal HUD Rule**
Donna Batch, Acting Regional Administrator – U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm **Trending Issues – Housing & Homelessness**
- ❖ Diane Klontz
Assistant Director, Department of Commerce Community Services and Housing Division
 - ❖ Tedd Kelleher
Senior Managing Director for the Housing Assistance Unit
 - ❖ Nic Anderson
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- 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm **Trending Issues – Minimum Wage**
- ❖ Jeff Robinson
City of SeaTac
 - ❖ Bob Battles
Association of Washington Business
- 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Trending Issues– Rural Economic Development**
- ❖ Deloit Wolfe
Impact Washington
 - ❖ Meg Ryan PhD
Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management
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- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Trending Issues – City Economic Development**
- ❖ David Kleitsch, City of Lynnwood
- 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm **Economic Gardening**
- ❖ Chris Green, Dept. of Commerce
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm **Break**
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Trending Issues – Entrepreneurship**
- ❖ Seaton Gras, SURF Incubator
 - ❖ Chris DeVore, Founders’ Co-op
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Legislative Reception with Members of the 2016 Legislature (State Room)**

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016

- 8:00 am **Conference Registration Opens**
- 8:30 am –9:00 am **Buffet Breakfast & Opening Session** (Fir Ballroom)
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Google – Lets Put Cities on the Map**
- ❖ Debbie Emge
Economic Development Manager
 - ❖ City of Snohomish
Lee Alley
Official Snohomish Community Partner
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am **Governor Jay Inslee**
Economic Development and Policy Issues in Washington State
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am **Department of Commerce Update**
Director Brian Bonlender

- 10:30 am – 11:30 am **Commerce Sector Leads Panel**
Invited Sector Leads
- ❖ Ignacio Marquez
Agriculture
 - ❖ Brian Young
Clean Technology
 - ❖ Joshua Berger
Maritime
 - ❖ Brian Hatfield,
Rural Sector
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Washington’s State Plan for Workforce Development**
- ❖ Eleni Papadakis
Director, State Workforce Board
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Legislative Update – A Member’s Perspective/Lunch**
Invited Legislators
- ❖ Economic Development Committee Chairs & Ranking Members
- 1:15 pm **Adjourn**

Please join us for our 2016

**WEDA Summer Conference
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Moses Lake, WA**

Please check in with us online as more details become available!

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