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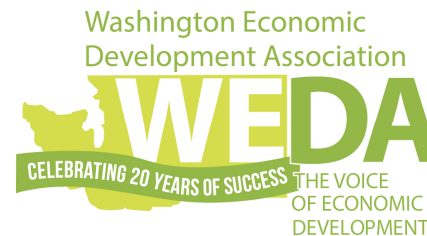
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## 2017 WEDA Winter Conference



**March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
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# Winter 2017 Agenda

## Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

- 10:00 am – 11:30 am **Board Meeting** (Puget Room)
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Registration** (Lobby)
- 12:00 pm **Buffet Lunch** (Fir Ballroom)
- Welcome and Introductions**  
Robin Toth, WEDA Chair
- 12:00 pm – 12:30pm **Lunch**
- 12:15 pm – 1:00pm **Governor Jay Inslee (invited)**
- 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm **Department of Labor and Industries**  
Tuyen Manikhoth
- 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm **Association of Washington Business**  
Kris Johnson, President
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **WEDA Young Professionals Presentation – Social Media & Economic Development**  
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- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm **WEDA Awards Panel**
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Project 3
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Project 4

- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Announcement of WEDA Awards**  
Denise Dyer  
WEDA Selection Committee Chair
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm **WEDA Legislative Reception with Members of the 2017 Legislature (State Room)**

## Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

- 8:00 am Conference Registration Opens
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Buffet Breakfast (Fir Ballroom)
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Regulatory Innovation & Assistance**  
Mary May, Governor's Office of  
Regulatory Innovation & Assistance
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am **Department of Commerce Update**  
Director Brian Bonlender (invited)
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am **Commerce Sector Leads Panel**  
Invited Sector Leads
- ❖ John Thornquist  
Aerospace
  - ❖ Ignacio Marquez  
Agriculture
  - ❖ Brian Hatfield  
Forest Products
  - ❖ Brian Young  
Clean Technology
  - ❖ Dr. Joseph Williams  
Information & Communication Tech.
  - ❖ Mara Little  
Life Science

### WEDA Awards Panel (cont.)

- ❖ NAME OF PROJECT PRESENTER  
Project 5

### Commerce Sector Leads Panel (cont.)

- ❖ Joshua Berger  
Maritime
- ❖ Kristiné M. Reeves  
Military & Defense

- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Legislative Discussion with WEDA Partners**
- ❖ Jane Wall  
Association of Washington Cities
  - ❖ Eric Johnson  
Washington State Association of  
Counties
  - ❖ Cheryl Fambles  
Washington Workforce Assn.
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Legislative Update – A Member's Perspective/Lunch)**  
Invited Legislators:
- ❖ Economic Development  
Committee Chairs & Ranking  
Members (invited)
- 1:15 pm Adjourn

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