Fourth Annual
APPALACHIAN OHIO STATE OF THE REGION CONFERENCE
Manufacturing Workforce: Building Capacity

8:00–8:30 AM Networking/Registration/Exhibits

8:30–8:45 AM Welcome & Introductions
Master of Ceremonies: John Glazer, Director, TechGROWTH Ohio, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University

8:45–9:15 AM Opening Remarks
Dr. Mark Weinberg, Founding Dean, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University
Recognition of Dignitaries:
Steve Golding, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ohio University
Scott Hamilton, Executive Director, Appalachian Regional Commission
Dug Salley, Chicago Area Director, US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

9:15–10:00 AM State of the Region
Introduction: John Glazer
Presenter: Eric Burkland, President, Ohio Manufacturers’ Association
Presenter: Dr. Jason Jolley, Assistant Professor of Economic Development, EDA University Center, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University
Presenter: John Molinaro, President/CEO, Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG)

10:00–10:15 AM Morning Break/Networking/Exhibits

10:15–11:15 AM Regional Workforce Trends in Manufacturing
Moderator: John Minor - President and Chief Investment Officer, JobsOhio
Panelists:
Jeff Finkle, President, International Economic Development Council
Dr. Bill LaFayette, Founder, Regionomics, LLC
Christopher Keylor, Superintendent, Ohio Valley Educational Service Center
Dr. William Stewart, President, Stewart Glapat Corporation

11:15 AM–12:00 PM Keynote Speaker
Introduction: John Minor
Speaker: Jay Williams, Administrator/Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, US Economic Development Administration

12:00–1:00 PM Lunch and Exhibits

Tweet your questions using #SOTR
1:00–2:00 PM  Concurrent Sessions

Track 1: Ballroom

Workforce Problems, Ideas, and Solutions: Open Forum
Moderator: Christopher Slagle, J.D., Partner in Charge-Marietta Office, Bricker and Eckler LLP
Facilitator: Larry Triplett, Executive Director, MCBI

Track 2: Third Floor Theater

Role of Public Financing in Manufacturing Success
Moderator: Dr. Jason Jolley
Panelists:
Alan Stockmeister, CEO/Managing Director, Ohio Precious Metals
Kevin Kern, Financial Consultant, Western Reserve Port Authority
John Miller, President of SUPERB Industries

2:00–2:15 PM  Afternoon Break/Networking/Exhibits

2:15–3:15 PM  Concurrent Sessions

Track 1: Ballroom

Make It in America Challenge Grant: Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG)
Moderator: John Glazer
Panelists:
Craig Rosenlund, Developer, Forest to Furniture Program
Von Williams, Manager, UpSkill Your Workforce Program
Anthony Iachini, Development Site Coordinator, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District

Track 2: Third Floor Theater

Transportation Planning Leads to Manufacturing Growth
Moderator: Dr. Jason Jolley
Panelists:
John Hemmings, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission
Bret Allphin, Development Director, Buckeye Hills – Hocking Valley Regional Development District
Ed Davis, Eastgate Counsel of Governments
Jeannette Wierzbicki, Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
Bert Dawson, Columbiana County Engineer

3:15 PM  Closing Comments and Evaluations

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Moderator: John Glazer

Track 2: Third Floor Theater
Moderator: Dr. Jason Jolley