Have you ever ASKED YOURSELF...

- How do I navigate Arkansas's workforce development system?
- Where can I get skilled employees?
- How can I reduce turnover?
- What skills are employers looking for?
- What's my role in work ready communities?
- How workforce development impacts economic development?

These questions and more will be answered on November 5, 2009, at the Arkansas Workforce Summit, to be held at the Verizon Arena, North Little Rock.

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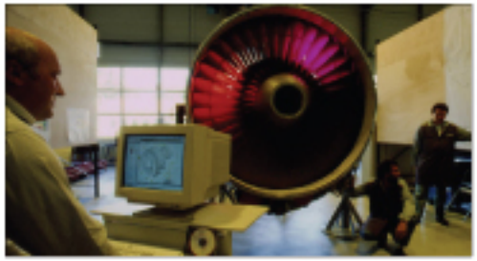
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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What is the Arkansas Workforce Summit?

The Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce present the Arkansas Workforce Summit, an interactive conference, delivering practical, demand-driven solutions for today's workforce challenges. The summit will provide participants with an opportunity to be part of discussions about these challenges and the state's response.

A *DO NOT MISS* forum to address the new realities facing workforce development in Arkansas.

Who Should Attend:

- Employers
- Community Leaders
- Chamber Representatives
- Elected Officials
- Government Officials
- Educators
- Economic Developers
- Workforce Developers

Why You Should Attend:

This summit is a tremendous opportunity to share important dialogue with Arkansas's workforce, economic, education and industry leaders and to learn new methods to help transform the workforce system and create a better, stronger Arkansas.

What You Will Gain:

High-quality information regarding cutting edge workforce development solutions and an opportunity to dialogue, network and share best practices.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration, Breakfast and Networking

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Opening Plenary Session

Governor's Address

The Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor, State of Arkansas

Governor's Strategic Plan for Economic Development

The Governor's Workforce Cabinet: Integrating Education, Workforce and Economic Development

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon Presentation

Preparing America's Workforce
Joseph Juarez, Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor

Building Work Ready Communities
Scott Stimart, VP,
ACT, Inc. Workforce Development Division

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
State Sector Strategies: Regional Solutions to Address Skill Needs

Plenary Sessions Will Include:

- The Governor's Workforce Cabinet: Integrating Education, Workforce and Economic Development
- Building Work Ready Communities
- State Sector Strategies: Regional Solutions to Address Skill Needs

Breakout Sessions Will Include:

- Retaining Arkansas's Businesses
- Town Hall: Hear From Employers What Employers Need in Skilled Workers
- Arkansas's Workforce Services
- Arkansas Career Readiness Certificate Program
- Registered Apprenticeship: Meeting the Skilled Workforce Needs of Arkansas's Industries
- Educating Arkansas's Workforce: Aligning Education, Economic Development and Industry Needs

Registration

The summit is FREE of charge; however, pre-registration is required.

A complimentary lunch will be provided.
For more information and to register online, visit www.dws.arkansas.gov and select the Arkansas Workforce Summit logo.
For questions, call 1-888-281-9717.