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AGENDA

“Economic Development, Employment and Training, and Education”

Day 1

- 9:30 Registration until 12:30 p.m.
- 11:00 Exhibits Open
- 12:30-2:30 Opening Plenary Luncheon
Governor Kathleen Sebelius
Thomas Markham, Association of Defense Communities (BRAC)
- 2:30 Break and Exhibit Visitation
- 3:00-4:30 Session 1
Legislative Updates & Information
Stephanie Powers, President, National Association Workforce Boards, with
Reaction Panel
- 4:30 Break and Exhibit Visitation
- 5:00 Legislative Reception, Cash Bar
- 5:30-7:00 Workforce Summit Banquet & Awards Program
Kansas 1st and Workforce Network of Kansas

Day 2

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast until 8:30 a.m.
- 8:30-9:45 Session 2
Workforce Solutions that Work
Ross Jackson, CEO, Workforce Essentials, Clarksville, Tennessee
- 9:45 Break & Exhibit Visitation
- 10:00-11:15 Session 3
Summary of Recommendations for Workforce Development in Kansas
Hit the Hill — A Legislative Action Workshop
- 11:15 Hit the Hill

PRESENTERS

Governor Kathleen Sebelius



Kathleen Sebelius won election as the 44th Governor of Kansas in November 2002, becoming the first daughter of a U. S. governor (John Gilligan, Ohio, 1971-5) to serve in that same position.

She served four terms (1987-1995) in the Kansas House of Representatives and two terms (1995-2003) as the state's Insurance Commissioner. Sebelius was named one of *Governing* magazine's "Public Officials of the Year" and one of the "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare" by *Modern Healthcare Magazine*.

In her first three legislative sessions, Governor Sebelius placed the state on sound financial footing, steered the Kansas Economic Growth Act to passage, and restructured the existing comprehensive highway package, insuring the timely completion of all projects. Budget balances have been restored and safety net services secured, without a tax increase.

Governor Sebelius also proposed sweeping educational reforms and has advanced several common-sense health care proposals to reduce costs and increase insurance coverage for Kansans.

Governor Sebelius serves as policy chair of the Democratic Governors' Association.

Kathleen has been married to her husband, Gary, a federal magistrate judge, for 30 years, and they have two sons: Ned, a 2003 college graduate, and John, a college junior.

Thomas Markham

Thomas O. Markham is the Executive Director of the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA), the entity formed to oversee the redevelopment of the former Lowry Air Force Base, estimated to be a 10-15-year project. Lowry's closure was announced by Congress in 1991 and closed Sept. 30, 1994. The site spans 1,900 acres in the heart of metropolitan Denver. Mr. Markham is responsible for real estate sales and leasing, marketing, business and financial planning, site improvements, and overall project administration. During his tenure at Lowry the project has won numerous awards, including the 1995 and 1998 Governor's Award for Smart Growth and Development, the Facility of the Year award from NAID/ADC and NAIOP award from the Colorado Chapter for the Business Park of the Year for 2002. Lowry also completed the first environmental privatization done by the Air Force under Mr. Markham's direction. Mr. Markham has a Bachelor's Degree in engineering management from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master's Degree in organizational management from the University of Colorado.



PRESENTERS CONTINUED

Stephanie Powers



Stephanie Powers is the Chief Executive Officer for the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) in Washington, DC. NAWB is the premier national organization that represents the interests of the private sector-led workforce boards across the country. NAWB is the only national membership organization of local and State workforce investment boards, which provide the leadership and governance for the publicly-funded workforce development system established by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Prior to joining NAWB in July of 2002, Ms. Powers was Director of Workforce Development Strategies and Consulting for Resource Consultants, Inc., a professional services firm in Vienna, VA, having operations and consulting contracts with local workforce investment boards and One-Stop systems in various parts of the country.

In August, 1998, Ms. Powers was appointed by the Clinton Administration as the National School-to-Work Director. In her capacity as National Director, she was responsible to the United States Departments of Labor and Education for oversight of the \$1.7 billion federal investment through the School to Work Opportunities Act of 1994. From 1993 - 1998, she held positions at the US Department of Labor in Washington as Chief of Staff and Special Assistant during the tenure of two Assistant Secretaries for Employment and Training, and was Director of Communication and Public Affairs for the agency.

Ms. Powers has an extensive background in community organizing, human services, education partnerships, legislative advocacy, and job training from her career experiences in New Hampshire. From 1988 -1993, she served on the senior staff of the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability.

Ross Jackson

Ross Jackson served thirty years in private sector distribution and manufacturing operations before joining North Tennessee Private Industry Council in 1992. As principal incorporator of NTPIC, Inc. (later becoming Workforce Essentials, Inc.) and President and C.E.O., he has built a qualified staff that is recognized both locally and nationally as one of the best workforce development organizations and the only organization of its type in America to be inducted into a state quality award system.

Through his leadership, WE, Inc., has received the U.S. Department of Labor Enterprise Award for Business Results and was awarded the USDOL Select Honors by the Workforce Excellent Network. WE, Inc. has been designated a model of excellence by the US Department of Labor's business Relations Group and won the Ted Small Award in 2005 for services to military families.



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Thomas Markham
Stephanie Powers
Ross Jackson*

Our Exhibitors:

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EmployOn
Flint Hills Job Corps
Kansas Department of Commerce Veterans Program
Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services
Kansas Enrichment Network
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