



SOUTH CAROLINA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1st Annual Manufacturers Conference: Manufacture America

presented by McNair Law Firm P.A.

Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head Island

December 5-7, 2010

Tentative Agenda

Sunday, December 5

1 p.m. **Manufacturers Steering Committee meeting**
2 - 6 p.m. **Registration**
5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
Sponsored by The Capital Corporation, Elliott Davis, LLC, SCS Engineers & South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership
9 - 11 p.m. **Hospitality Suite**

Monday, December 6

7:15 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast Buffet**
8 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Comments**
Josef Kerscher, BMW Manufacturing Co.
8:15 a.m. **The State of Manufacturing in America**
Aric Newhouse, National Association of Manufacturers
9 a.m. **Sausage Making and the Legislative Process**
Charles Reid, Clerk, SC House of Representatives
9:45 a.m. **The Legislative Power of Employees**
Joe Savarise, BIPAC
10:30 a.m. **Break sponsored by MWV Specialty Chemicals**
10:45 a.m. **The Business of Education Partnerships**
Dr. Bob Couch, S.C. Department of Education
11:30 a.m. **Are You readySC?**
Darrel Staat, S.C. Technical College System
12:15 p.m. **Lunch Sponsored by BMW Manufacturing Co.**
Export Financing
Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States
1:15 p.m. **Workforce Development-The Holistic View**
Jim Reynolds, Total Comfort Solutions
1:45 p.m. **Regulatory Trends for Manufacturing Under the New EPA**
Ethan Ware, McNair Law Firm, P.A.
2:15 p.m. **Recent Updates in Labor Law**
Eric Schweitzer, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.
2:45 p.m. **Break**

3 p.m. **The Power Surge and You**
Lonnie Carter, Santee Cooper
3:45 p.m. **The State of Manufacturing in S.C.**
Robbie Barnett, S.C. Chamber of Commerce
4:15 p.m. **The US Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative**
Dr. Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina
5:45 p.m. **Networking Reception**
6:30 p.m. **Dinner Sponsored by Akebono Brake Corporation & MAU Workforce Solutions**
The Future of Manufacturing and Opportunities for Growth
Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale, Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing & Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration
9 - 11 p.m. **Hospitality Suite**

Tuesday, December 7

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
8 a.m. **The National Export Initiative**
Nicole Lamb-Hale
8:30 a.m. **Exporting: An Untapped Growth Engine**
Moderator: Peter Perez
*Panelists: Clark Thompson, S.C. Department of Commerce, Amy Thomson, U.S. Commercial Service, *Jim Newsome, S.C. State Ports Authority*
9:30 **Break**
10:00 a.m. **Exporting from the Southeast Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Peter Perez
**Roger Kilmer, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Janice R. Greene, Boeing*
11:00 a.m. **The Birth of a New Workforce**
Randy Hatcher, MAU Workforce Solutions
11:45 a.m. **Closing Comments**
Oris Rawl, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Noon **Adjourn**
Afternoon Golf Outing: The George Fazio Golf Course (optional)

*Invited speaker