



1st Annual Manufacturers Conference: Manufacture America

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Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head Island

December 5-7, 2010

Tentative Agenda

Sunday, December 5

- 1:00 p.m.** **Manufacturers Steering Committee meeting**
- 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.** **Registration**
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** **Welcome Reception**
Sponsored by The Capital Corporation, Elliott Davis, LLC, SCS Engineers & South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Monday, December 6

- 7:15 a.m.** **Registration and Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:00 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
- 9:00 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.**
Keynote Speaker
Global Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century Economy
Rick Wade, Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Department of Commerce
- 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 sponsored by Anderson Insurance Associates/Chubb Group of Insurance Companies*
- 3:00 p.m.** **The Power Surge and You**
Lonnie Carter, Santee Cooper
- 3:30 p.m.** **The State of Manufacturing in S.C.**
Robbie Barnett, S.C. Chamber of Commerce
- 4:00 p.m.** *Break sponsored by Hitachi Electronic Devices USA Inc.*
- 4:15 -4:45 p.m.** **The U.S. 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, Dixon Hughs, PLLC & 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
- 9:00 -11:00 p.m.** **Hospitality Suite**

Tuesday, December 7

- 7:30 a.m.** **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:00 a.m.** **The National Export Initiative**
Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale, Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing & Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration
- 8:30 a.m.** **Exporting: An Untapped Growth Engine**
Moderator:
Peter Perez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing, U.S. Department of Commerce
Panelists:
Bill Hogan, Sawgrass Ink
Norman Mansson, Coastal Technologies
Phil Minard, U.S. Commercial Service
Clarke Thompson, S.C. Department of Commerce
- 9:30 a.m.** *Break sponsored by AQA International*
- 10:00 a.m.** **Building Successful Supply Chains for Export**
Moderator:
Roger Kilmer, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards & Technology
Panelists:
Janice R. Greene, Boeing
Robert Hurst, Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing Company
John Irion, South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership
Charles Stith, Harsco Rail
- 11:00 a.m.** **The Birth of a New Workforce**
Randy Hatcher, MAU Workforce Solutions
- 11:45 a.m.** **Closing Comments**
Otis Rawl, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
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