



Competitiveness Agenda Series Education & Workforce Development Forum

October 14, 2014 ~ Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia

- 8:30 a.m.** **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Welcome and Opening Comments**
Mikee Johnson, President, Cox Industries
Chair, SC Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- 9:15 a.m.** **SC Chamber's Seven Strategies for a Better Prepared Workforce**
Jim Reynolds, CEO, Total Comfort Solutions, Inc.
- 9:45 a.m.** **South Carolina Council on Competitiveness Education and Workforce Taskforce**
Ann Marie Stieritz, President & CEO, South Carolina Council on Competitiveness
- 10:15 a.m.** **SC Department of Education: Update on EEDA and CATE**
Sabrina Moore and Susan Flanagan, SC Department of Education
- 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.** **Technical College System--- Apprenticeship Carolina, Youth Apprenticeship, SCMC, and Critical Needs Training**
Dr. Jimmie Williamson, President, SC Technical College System
- 11:30 a.m.** **SC Department of Employment and Workforce--- Workready Communities, WIA, SCWorks**
Rebecca Battle-Bryant, SC Department of Employment & Workforce
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
Steve Burry, Michelin North America
- 1:15 p.m.** **Remarks & Q&A: Republican Candidate for Superintendent of Education**
Molly Spearman
- 2:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:15 p.m.** **Remarks & Q&A: Democratic Candidate for Superintendent of Education**
Tommy Thompson
- 3:00 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
Sara Fisher, Senior Executive VP/COO, NBSC
Chair, SC Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education
- 3:15 p.m.** **Adjourn**

