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# WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION SUMMIT

## PROGRAM AGENDA

August 6  
2023



August 7  
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## 3p The Grand Hotel Salem Check-in

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1-877-540-7800



Enjoy the deluxe amenities of The Grand Hotel Salem before the evening networking event.

## 5p Welcome Reception

*Join us for a fun night of networking over delicious chef-curated treats in the Lounge.*

**ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE!**

**Claim your free drink ticket** at the registration check-in desk Sunday evening, compliments of the Oregon Business Resource Center.

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**Good for one (1) complimentary beer, wine, cocktail, or non-alcoholic beverage.**

*\*\*Drink Tickets are only valid during the Welcome Reception Event. One ticket per person. Max value \$10.*

Guests will also enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres, gourmet desserts & more!

## 7p Enjoy your evening in the heart of Oregon's state capital!

Concierge available for dinner recommendations.

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7:30a– 9:15a **Welcome Breakfast** | **"Pockets of Opportunity in the Labor Market"**

**KEYNOTE: Henry Fields**, *Workforce Analyst, Oregon Employment Department (OED)*

**Welcome from Title Sponsor -**  
James Graham, *CEcD Economic Development Manager, City of Oregon City*



**Welcome from OEDA President -** Erika Fitzgerald,  
*Senior Economic Development Specialist, City of Gresham*

9:30a– 10:30a **Session One (pt 1)** | **"How to Effectively and Efficiently Partner with Industry"**

## **SPEAKERS:**

**Matt Sayre**, *Executive Director, Collaborative EDO*

**Heather Stafford**, *Executive Director, Rogue Valley Workforce Partnership*

10:30a– 10:45a **BREAK** | **Coffee & Tea Service**

10:45a– 11:45a **Session One (pt 2)** | **"How to Effectively and Efficiently Partner with Industry"**

**MODERATOR: Kristi Wilson**, *Workforce Development Manager, City of Hillsboro*

## **PANELISTS:**

**Melissa Pendergrass**, *Coordinator of Career and College Pathways, Hillsboro School District*

**PANELISTS (Cont'd):**

**Jonath Colon**, *Prosperidad Director, Centro Cultural*

**Kathy Bishop**, *Human Resources Director, Jireh Semiconductor*

**Jennifer Purcell**, *Director of Future Ready Oregon, Higher Education Coordinating Commission*

**Logan Garner**, *Youth Program Manager, Northwest Oregon Works*

11:45a-  
1:30p

**Keynote Luncheon**

**VINCE PORTER**

**KEYNOTE: Vince Porter**, *Economic Development and Workforce Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Tina Kotek*

**MODERATOR: Erika Fitzgerald**, *Senior Economic Development Specialist, City of Gresham*



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**Welcome from Keynote Sponsor -**

**Nina Carlson**, *Government Affairs Manager, NW Natural*

1:30p-  
2:45p

**Session Two**

**"Innovative Solutions for Recruiting and Retaining People with Barriers to Employment"**

**MODERATOR: Ashley Espinoza**, *Executive Director, Workforce Partnership*



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**PANELISTS:**

**Leni Tupper**, *PCC CLEAR Clinic Director: PCC CLEAR and Clean Slate Clackamas*

**Ryan Kounovsky & Bob Fittin**, *Lanz Cabinets/Catholic Community Services, Customized Training Solution*

**Lynne Carter & Gary Chiaravalli**, *Interstate Disability Economic Alliance (IDEA) and other Vocational Rehabilitation Employer Services*

2:45p-  
3:00p

**BREAK**

| **Coffee & Tea Service**

3:00p-  
4:15p

**Session  
Three**

**"Youth Engagement:  
Connecting Partners with  
Employers to Build the Future  
Workforce Pipeline"**

**MODERATOR: Abisha Stone**, *Economic Development Manager - Yamhill County, SEDCOR*

**PANELISTS:**

**Kim Parker-Llerenas**, *Director Willamette Workforce Partnership: Youth Worker Wage Grant*

**Tami Erion**, *Principal, Newberg High School*

**Patrick Verdun**, *Tiger Manufacturing Teacher, Newberg High School*

**Bryden Huffman**, *Student at Newberg High School in Tiger Manufacturing*

**Keira Carstensen**, *2023 NHS Graduate and former Tiger Manufacturing student*

**Amy Black**, *Youth Program Manager Clackamas Workforce Partnership: Clackamas Youth Internships*

**Alvin Elbert**, *President, A.R.E. Manufacturing*

4:15p-  
4:30p

**Closing  
Thoughts**

| **Erika Fitzgerald &  
Ashley Espinoza**

4:45p-  
5:45p

**TOUR OF SALEM CTE  
CENTER (OPTIONAL)**



**TOUR GUIDE: Rhonda Rhodes**, *Principal, Career Technical Education Center - Salem*



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