



***Regional Innovations During Boom and Bust:
Using New Tools and Vibrant Partnerships for Economic Recovery***

**Agenda
South Bend Hilton Garden Inn
June 26, 2009**

- 10:00 - 10:15 Welcoming Remarks
Vic Lechtenberg, Vice Provost for Engagement, Purdue University
- 10:15 - 11:45 *What Does the Legacy of the Past
Portend for the Future of Northern Indiana?*
- Keynote by **Richard C. Longworth**, author of *Caught in the Middle:
America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism*
- Regional Response Panel
- **James Dworkin**, Chancellor, Purdue University North Central
 - **Leigh Morris**, Executive Director, Indiana Toll Road Economic Development Corridor
 - **William Hanna**, Executive Director, Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority
 - **John Sampson**, President/CEO, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership
 - **Dorinda Heiden-Guss**, President, Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County
- 11:45 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Current Regional Innovations
- Session A – Moderator: **John Stafford**, IPFW
- Indiana Toll Road Economic Development Corridor - **Leigh Morris**, Executive Director
 - Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership - **John Sampson**, President/CEO
- Session B – Moderator: **Walt Sell**, LaPorte County Extension Educator
- Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority – **William Hanna**, Executive Director
 - Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne – **David Bennett**, Executive Director

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- 2:00 - 2:15 Break
- 2:15 - 3:15 Concurrent Breakout Sessions - Tools/Resources/Programs
- Session A – Moderator: **Jeff Burbrink**, Elkhart County Extension Educator
- Local Decision Maker - **Richard Farnsworth**, Associate Professor, Purdue Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and **Indraneel Kumar**, Regional Planner and GIS/ Spatial Analyst, Purdue Center for Regional Development
 - Data and Online Tools - **Jerry Conover**, Director, Indiana Business Research Center and **Carol Rogers**, Deputy Director and Chief Information Officer, Indiana Business Research Center
- Session B – Moderator: **Paul Phair**, Holladay Properties
- Innovation Index - **Timothy Slaper**, Director of Economic Analysis, Indiana Business Research Center
 - Occupational Clusters - **Christine Nolan**, Senior Associate, Purdue Center for Regional Development
- Session C – Moderator: **Don Koverman**, PCRDR
- Regional Leadership – **Fred Hakes**, Director, Continuing Studies, Indiana University Kokomo
 - Open Source Economic Development and Strategic Doing – **Scott Hutcheson**, Senior Associate, Purdue Center for Regional Development
- 3:15 - 3:30 Break
- 3:30 - 4:30 Regional Innovation in a New Administration - Moderator: **Christine Nolan**
William P. Kittredge, Director, National Programs and Performance Evaluation, Economic Development Administration, Washington DC
C. Robert Sawyer, Regional Director, Chicago Regional Office, Economic Development Administration
Nicholas E. Lammers, Acting Regional Administrator, Chicago Regional Office, Employment and Training Administration
- 4:30 - 5:00 Participant Reflections and Final Comments – **Vic Lechtenberg** / **Scott Hutcheson**

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