



## Webinar Series

*These training webinars were hosted by the EDA University Centers in the Great Lakes region at no charge to the participants. Speaker details and additional information can be found on the individual announcements.*

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**December, 2015**

**Host UC: Ohio University's Voinovich School**

### **Economic Boom or Bust: Lessons from the Frontline of Coal and Shale**

In many rural communities, extraction-based industries have historically been a cornerstone of the local economy. While communities have benefited from the economic boost, they have also faced sizable and costly impacts. This webinar will benefit communities in the middle of the shale boom, as well as those transitioning from coal or other resource-dependent economies. The webinar recording and the panelist presentations have been posted at <http://www.ohio.edu/ce3/research/shale>.

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**September, 2015**

**Host UC: Wisconsin Center for Commercialization Resources**

### **The Commons: Advancing Regional Entrepreneurship**

The Commons is a widespread collaboration between the region's academic, entrepreneurial and business communities to attract, develop and retain the brightest minds in the Southeast Wisconsin region. The Commons has become an "entrepreneurial skills accelerator" for the students of the region's colleges and universities. You can learn more about the Commons at [www.thecommonswi.com](http://www.thecommonswi.com) or their [Facebook page](#). The EDA University Center in Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Center for Commercialization Resources (WCCR), is an important partner in The Commons collaboration. The webinar is available at this [link](#).

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**April, 2015**

**Host UC: Michigan State University**

### **Establishing an Entrepreneurial Friendly Region**

This webinar examined the elements of entrepreneurial ecosystems and provided insights into specific elements of interest to the Great Lakes region. Beginning with national and international frameworks for assessing entrepreneurial ecosystems, a closer look was included that discussed the role of scale and setting in determining critically needed infrastructure and services for entrepreneurs. The webinar is available [here](#).

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February, 2015

Host UC: Purdue University

### **Tipping Points and Indicators: Engaging Great Lakes Communities to Develop Tipping Point Action Plans**

Tipping Points and Indicators is a complete decision-making support system for watershed planning groups helping to: develop sustainable, watershed-specific land use strategies, protect natural resources and enhance local economies. Participants learned about cutting-edge interactive maps and hear about tools available to encourage community participation. Learn more about Tipping Points at their website:

<http://tippingpointplanner.org/>