

# *The Atlanta Region Discretionary Grants Roundtable*

*The Ritz-Carlton*

Downtown-Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia

May 21 – 23, 2008

## **U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Region 3 - Atlanta**

### **“Empowering People: Making a Difference”**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.**                      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**General Sessions in Ballroom Salon III/IV**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Welcome**

- Gene Caso, Regional Director – ETA/Office of Special Initiatives and Demonstrations (OSID)

- Hotel Representative

**Roundtable Overview**

- Sonja Johnson, Chief – OSID/Division of Discretionary Grants (DDG)

**9:15 a.m.**

**BREAK**

**9:30 a.m.**

***Opening Session – Employment, Economic Development and Education***

- Dr. Helen Parker, USDOL/ETA - Regional Administrator

- H. Philip Paradise, U.S. Department of Commerce/  
Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Regional Director

- Lola B. Smith, U.S. Commerce/EDA- Area Director

- Dennis Bega, U.S. Department of Education – Senior Policy Advisor

**10:45 a.m.**

**Workforce Investments/Talent Development in Region 3**

- Gene Caso, USDOL/ETA/OSID, Regional Director

- Winston Tompoe, USDOL/ETA/Office of State Systems, Federal Project Officer (FPO)

**11:45 a.m. LUNCH** (on your own)

**1:00-2:15 State Workforce Investments/Talent Development (Breakouts)**

- FPOs (Discretionary & Formula) lead discussions
- Breakout by state
- Alabama/Tennessee in **Ballroom Salon II**
- Florida in **Ballroom Salon I**
- Georgia/South Carolina in **Georgian**
- Kentucky/North Carolina in **Ballroom IV**
- Mississippi in **Ballroom III**

**2:15 – 2:35 p.m. BREAK**

**General Sessions in Ballroom Salon III/IV**

**2:35 – 3:00 p.m. Jeopardy – Activity** (review from the morning)

**3- 4 p.m. Return on Investment in Workforce Training**

- Sherrill MitchellRobison, FPO
- Santa Fe Community College (Gainesville, Florida)
  - o Sheila Baker, Director of the Health Sciences Counseling
  - o Linda Nichols, Chair of Sciences for Health Programs

**4 – 4:45 Peer-to-Peer: Exchanges**

- Orange County School District
  - o Margaret S. Gentile, Senior Director, Student Services
  - o Shirley Johnson-Delgado, Senior Administrator of Juvenile Justice Services
  - o Kati Pearson, Program Specialist
- Lancaster School District – South Carolina
  - o Max Melton, Jr. -Executive Director of Communities in Schools
- Sharon Wellons, Chief, OSID-DDG - Philadelphia Regional Office

**4:45 p.m. ADJOURN**

**5:00 p.m. Social Networking**

## **Thursday, May 22, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast

### **General Sessions in Ballroom Salon III/IV**

**8:30 a.m.** **Welcome, Recap and Logistics**  
Sonja Johnson, Chief – OSID-DDG

**8:45 a.m.** **Indirect Cost Rate Process and Negotiations**  
Phil Zahnd, Cost Negotiator

**9:30 a.m.** **Common Measures – Back to Basics**  
Lane Kelly, Performance Specialist

**10:15 a.m.** BREAK

**10:30 a.m.** **Financial Reporting/Closeout Requirements**  
Andre Morris, Manpower Development Specialist

**11:15 a.m.** **The OIG Perspective**  
Ronald Larry, Program Analyst

**Noon** **LUNCH** (on your own)

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **Lessons Learned - Regional Grant Officer (RGO) Update**  
Felicia Martin, RGO

**2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.** **BREAK**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** **Concurrent workshops – breakouts**

- **Modifications – Ballroom Salon III/IV**  
Connie Taylor, FPO  
Dwight McCants, FPO
- **Quarterly Progress Reports – Ballroom Salon II**  
Lovie Thompson, FPO  
Adrian Barrett, FPO
- **Grant Monitoring – Ballroom Salon I**  
Mary Evans, FPO  
Conyers Garrett, FPO

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Concurrent Workshops – breakouts**  
**(See above for descriptions and locations)**

## **Friday, May 23, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast

### **General Sessions in Ballroom Salon III/IV**

**8:30 a.m.** **Welcome, Recap and Logistics**  
-Sonja Johnson, Chief – OSID-DDG

#### **OSHA/Wage and Hour Panel/Presentations**

- John Bates, Director of Enforcement, Southeast Region, Wage & Hour  
- Regional Office OSHA presenter TBD

**9:45 a.m.** BREAK

**10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.** Questions & Answers - Closing Remarks  
- Gene Caso, Regional Director – OSID