

Accessing Federal Resources to Strengthen the Regional Economy: A Technical Assistance and Grant Writing Workshop

October 27, 2011

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia

Honorary Co-Host Senator Mark Warner

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration – Lobby outside Grand Hall**

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Introduction and Overview – Grand Hall**

Guy Land, *Chief of Staff, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Denise Ambrose, *Associate Director, Program Administration & Assistance Office, Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development*

Special Video Welcome: Senator Mark Warner

Congressional Welcome

Gwyn Dutton, *District Representative, Senator Jim Webb*

Michelle Jenkins, *District Director, Congressman Morgan Griffith*

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **“The Keys to Successful Grant Writing”**

Dr. Jeffrey Schwartz, *Education Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions** (choose one)

INFRASTRUCTURE – Room 240

Moderator: Sue Moreland, *Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Case Study: Providing Clean Water in Mountain Communities – Jimmy Wallace, *Community Development Program Manager, Program Administration & Assistance Office, Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development*

Dr. Anne Cavalier, *West Virginia Economic Development Representative, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*

Travis Jackson, *Southwest Virginia Area Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Jerryl Bennett, *Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Richmond Field Office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Networking Opportunity

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Grand Hall

Moderator: Jeffrey Schwartz, *Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission*

Case Study: Meeting the Education Needs of a Changing Regional Workforce – Rachel Fowlkes, *Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center*

Linda Hall, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach, U.S. Department of Education*

Darrell Blankenship, *Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Workforce Investment Board*



Networking Opportunity

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – Room 104

Moderator: David Hughes, Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission

Case Study: Access to Capital for Enterprise Development – Dawn DeHart, Senior Vice President, Virginia Community Capital, Inc.

Ford Scott, Lender Relations Specialist, Richmond District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration

Ellen Davis, Virginia State Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Kent Hibben, Small Business Specialist, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy

Networking Opportunity

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Room 103

Moderator: Dan Neff, Local Development District Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission

Case Study: Using Local Assets to Create a New Economic Future – Jim Baldwin, Executive Director, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

Megan McConville, Policy & Planning Fellow, Office of Sustainable Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mark Johnson, Assistant Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

Allan Comp, OSM/VISTA Coordinator, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior

Networking Opportunity

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break

12:30 p.m. **Networking Lunch – Grand Hall**

Remarks: Earl F. Gohl, Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission

Special Case Study: Putting Our Assets to Work – A Regional Approach to Economic Diversification – Betsy White, President, Round the Mountain Board of Directors

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions (repeat of morning sessions)**

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Grand Hall

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – Room 104

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Room 103

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