

2023

PROGRAM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

JEKYLL ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER
THE WESTIN JEKYLL ISLAND

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Convention Center 12:00 - 5:00

12:00 Registration Opens

1:00 Daryl Ingram, ECG | Welcome

1:15 Walter West, ECG & Arthur Corbin, Gas Authority | Georgia Energy Cities

1:45 Paul Radford, City of Sugar Hill | Sweet and Swift - Sugar Hill's 10-Year Transformation

3:00 Rahim Charania, Three Ring Studios/Woodvale | The Impact of Film Studios

4:00 City of Sylvester | Edge Development Certificate Presentation

The Westin Beachside Courtyard 6:30

Evening Reception - Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00

Convention Center 8:00 - 12:00

8:00 ECG Board Meeting

SESSION OPTION - INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9:00 Bob Kosek, GDEcD | The Local Team - What you can do to attract and retain new development?

10:15 Ralph Forbes, Thomas & Hutton | How Competitive is Your Industrial Site

11:00 Kelley Bush, LaGrange Development Authority | Innovative Workforce Solutions

SESSION OPTION - RETAIL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9:00 Jeremy Emmett, Southern Lodging & Daniel Martin, ECG | Retail Trends & Hospitality

10:15 Amy Johnson, City of Moultrie | The Building Blocks of a Downtown Transformation

11:00 Kim Carter, GA Dept. of Community Affairs | Grants+Funding+Community Development

Golf Outing 1:00 | Reception & Dinner 6:30 | After Dinner Entertainment 8:30

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00

Convention Center 8:00 - 11:00

8:00 Connie Tabor, City of Toccoa | Three R's in Economic Development: Revitalization.Relationships. Resilience

9:00 Mike & Denise Mullis, JM Mullis, Inc. | Today's 21st Century Site Selection Model

10:15 Melissa Dark, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber | Georgia FLEX