FutureWork Prosperity Tour
Northeast Region
Elizabeth City, NC
June 30, 2016 | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30am Networking & Demonstration of Data Tables

11:30 – 11:35am Welcome and Introductions
Mayor Joe Peel, Elizabeth City
• Welcome and housekeeping
• Recognize elected officials and dignitaries
• Brief introduction of the Institute for Emerging Issues

11:35 – 11:40am Introduction of Program
Donnie Charleston, Economy Policy Manager, IEI
• What is the Institute for Emerging Issues?
• What is the Emerging Issues Forum?

11:40am – 12:20pm Are We FutureWork-Ready?
Followed by Q&A
Donnie Charleston
• Introduce the 2016 Emerging Issues Forum, FutureWork
• Background – Why FutureWork?
  • Data Review
• Forum Themes & Highlights
• What the Future Holds – FutureWork Disruption Index for North Carolina

12:20 – 12:50pm Regional Capacity and Ramping Up the Region’s Future Readiness
Working Lunch
Lunch Table Top Discussion

12:50 – 1:05pm Report Out & Discussion

1:05pm Adjourn
• Provide participants information about the process for information collection and dissemination

In 2016, IEI held its annual Forum focused on two trends that pose one of the greatest challenges we have ever faced – massive demographic change and rapid technological innovation and disruption. The next step is to move beyond a conference to a dialogue, and to identify next steps in the evolution of the Northeast Prosperity Zone’s regional economy. This event will be designed to connect the dots across organizations, and to generate conversation that is informed by timely and relevant data on the future of the region’s economy. By the end of the event, the goal will be to lay the foundation by identifying a set of key steps the region must take to ensure its vibrancy for the next economic evolution.

Key Questions:

| How far behind are we in workforce preparedness? | Will the region’s success continue into the future, or do we need to adjust? | What are the necessary collaborations we need to have to be successful in the future? |

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