FutureWork Prosperity Tour
Piedmont-Triad (Central) Region
Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC
June 23, 2016 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

Agenda

9:00 – 9:05am  Welcome and Introductions
Piedmont Triad Partnership and North State Communications

Why We’re Here
Anita Brown-Graham, Director, IEI

9:05 – 9:25am  Guest Speaker: The Tech Revolution & America’s Greatest Challenges
Chuck Vollmer, author, Jobenomics

9:25 – 10:00am  The Future Trends – What the Data Tells Us
Followed by Q&A
Donnie Charleston, Economy Policy Manager, IEI
Urbanization (megalopolis), automation, demographic change –
What does the data tell us about tomorrow’s skills need?

10:00 – 10:20am  The Plan for the State
Mark Edmonds, Chief Operating Officer, NC Dept. of Commerce

10:20 – 11:25am  Panel: How Can the Triad Meet its Workforce Challenges?
Followed by Q&A
Kathy Elliott, Director, Center for Entrepreneurship, High Point University
Dr. Randy Parker, President, Guilford Tech
Robert Simmons, President, Machine Specialties, Inc.
Shirley Bynum, CTE Director, Forsyth County Schools

11:25am – 12:15pm  Audience Discussion and Strategizing for Success & Report Out

Future-Forward for the Piedmont-Triad: 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 Piedmont-Triad 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 Piedmont-Triad 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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