Institute for Emerging Issues

FutureWork Prosperity Tour
Western Region
Asheville, NC
July 8, 2016 | 10:30am – 12:30pm

Agenda

10:15 – 10:30am  Networking & Demonstration of Data Tables

10:30 – 10:35am  Welcome and Introductions
Nathan Ramsey, Director, Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
Shelley White, VP, Economic and Workforce Development, A-B Tech
- Welcome and housekeeping
- Recognize elected officials and dignitaries
- Brief introduction of the Institute for Emerging Issues

10:35 – 10:40am  Introduction of Program
Donnie Charleston, Economy Policy Manager, IEI
- What is the Institute for Emerging Issues?
- What is the Emerging Issues Forum?

10:40 – 11:25am  Are We FutureWork-Ready?
Donnie Charleston
Followed by Q&A
- 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

11:25 – 11:55am  Regional Capacity and Ramping Up the Region’s Future Readiness
Lunch Table Top Discussion

11:55am – 12:20pm  Report Out & Discussion
Identifying Next Steps

12:20 – 12:30pm  Adjourn

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 Western 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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