You are invited to attend and participate in an upcoming Idaho Economic Development District Region III Strategic Planning Workshop

A workshop directed by the University Center for Economic Development at the University of Nevada, Reno in partnership with Boise State University, the University of Idaho, the Idaho Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

When? Friday, September 8, 2017
Where? The Imagination Lab, Room 2302
Micron Business and Economics Building
Boise State University
2360 W. University Drive; Boise, Idaho 83706

What will be discussed at this workshop? In partnership with the Idaho Department of Commerce, Boise State University, the University of Idaho, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the University Center for Economic Development will direct a one-day workshop to discuss the future of Idaho Economic Development District Region III, including:

- An overview of a past assessment of Idaho Economic Development District Region III recently completed by the University Center for Economic Development.
- A review of pertinent socio-demographic and economic linkages present in Region III.
- An overview of current socio-demographic and economic conditions in Region III presented by faculty from Boise State University, the University of Idaho, and the University Center for Economic Development.
- Discussion regarding past usage of the USDA Rural Development’s Stronger Economies Together (SET) strategic economic development planning curriculum.
- Small and large group exercises using various parts of the Stronger Economies Together strategic economic development planning curriculum.

How Long is the Workshop? The workshop will be a one-day event beginning at 8:30am and ending at 4:30pm. Morning coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided.

What is the Cost? NO COST. Preregistration is required.

For more information, including information regarding Registration, please contact Frederick Steinmann, University Center for Economic Development, via phone (775.784.1655) or by email (fred@unr.edu). If you plan on attending, please register by August 25, 2017 by 5:00pm.

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8:30am – 9:00am: Registration and Networking

9:00am – 9:30am: Welcome and Opening Remarks
  • Welcoming Comments from Visitors and Participants
  • Overview of Strategic Economic Development Planning and the USDA Rural Development Stronger Economies Together Program

9:30am – 10:00am: Overview and Review of the University Center for Economic Development’s Past Assessment of Idaho Economic District Region III
  • Overview of Pertinent Socio-Demographic and Economic Linkages in Region III
  • Review of the University Center for Economic Development’s Primary Conclusions regarding Region III

10:00am – 11:30am: Overview and Review of Current Socio-Demographic and Economic Conditions in Region III
  • Dr. Phil Watson, University of Idaho
  • Dr. Ann Hubbert, Boise State University
  • Dr. Thomas Harris, University of Nevada, Reno
  • Dr. Frederick Steinmann, University of Nevada, Reno

11:30am – 12:30pm: Working Lunch: A Discussion Regarding the Benefits of Regional Economic Development Collaboration
  • Ms. Christine Frei, Clearwater Economic Development Association (Region II)
  • Dr. Thomas Harris, University of Nevada, Reno
  • Mr. Joe Herring, Region IV Development (Region IV)
  • Ms. Carleen Herring, Region IV Development (Region IV)
  • Mr. Ron Radil, Western Nevada Development District

12:30pm – 2:00pm: Stronger Economies Together Module 2, Regional Economic Development 101
  • Overview of the SET Module 2
  • GROUP EXERCISE: Identifying Economic Trends, Impacts, and Exploring Opportunities for Local and Regional Development in Idaho Development District Region III

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2:00pm – 2:15pm: **BREAK**

2:15pm – 4:15pm: Stronger Economies Together Module 4, Developing Vision and Goals

- Overview of the SET Module 4
- GROUP EXERCISE: Defining a Regional Vision for Idaho Economic Development District Region III and Identification of Key “Biggest Economic Development Challenges” for the Region

4:15pm – 4:30pm: Wrap-Up, Thank You, and Next Steps

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