

FOUR-STATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Monday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Stoney Creek Inn * St. Joseph, MO

A Peer Learning Conference for Economic Development Districts, Regional Planning Commissions and University Centers in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska

MONDAY, MAY 5

10am

Networking on the Green

Golf – Contact Cassie White at Mo-Kan (816.233.3144) for details

2:00 – 6:00 pm

Registration

2:00 – 4:30 pm

Mobile Workshop to Shatto Milk Company

Visit a small family owned and operated dairy that returned to the basics (glass bottles to assure freshness and cool temperature, no bovine growth hormones used and 12 hours at the most from cow to store) and is enjoying great success (no extra charge, but you must register). The dairy has received EDA funding through the Mo-Kan RLF.

5:00 – 7:30 pm

Networking Reception and Dinner

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Registration

8:30 – 8:45 am

Welcome and Introductions

- Tom Bliss, Mo-Kan Regional Council

8:45 – 10:30 am

General Session: Benefits of Creating a Professional Development Peer Organization – Regional and State Perspectives

Moderator: Matthew Chase, Executive Director, NADO

- Tim Ware, Executive Director, Mid-East Commission (NC) (SERDI)
- Doug Hermes, MACOG and Randy Railsback, Executive Director, Green Hills RPC (MO)
- MJ Broomfield, Executive Director, Southwest Iowa Planning Council

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

General Session: Best Practice Roundtable on Transportation

- Steve Etcher, Executive Director, Boonslick RPC
- Brian Tapp, Executive Director, SEIRPC

12:00 – 12:45 pm

Networking Lunch

12:45 – 2:00 pm

General Session: Effectively Communicating Your Message

- Matthew Chase, NADO

2:00 – 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 – 3:30 pm

General Session: Best Practice Round Robin

- Randy Railsback, Executive Director, Green Hills RPC

3:30 – 4:45 pm

General Session: EDA University Centers – Potential Partners for Regional Development Initiatives

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:30 – 8:45 am

Breakfast with EDA Denver Regional Director Robert Olson

8:45 – 9:45 am

Break Out Sessions:

- Indirect Cost and In-kind
 - Linda Loughridge, Meramec RPC
- Human Resources
 - Sharon Juon, Executive Director, INRCOG (IA)

9:45 – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 – 11:00 am

Break Out Sessions

- Technology
 - Tye Parsons, Executive Director, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments
 - John Cyr, Executive Director, North Central Regional Planning Commission
- Small Business Finance and Development Best Practices
 - Bill Bolin, Executive Director, South Central Kansas EDD
 - Tom Higginbotham, Executive Director, Northeast Nebraska EDD

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

General Session: Fiduciary Responsibility (include audits and insurance)

12:15 – 12:30 pm

Conference Wrap-up and Adjournment

- Tom Bliss, Executive Director, Mo-Kan Regional Council