



Workshop Agenda
March 16, 2022
Marriott Crystal Gateway | Arlington, VA
Salons 5 & 6

- 11:45 a.m. **Check-in and Lunch**
- 12:10 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Brett Schwartz, Associate Director, NADO Research Foundation
- 12:30 p.m. **Empowering Regions through the CEDS Process: An Update from EDA**
David Ives, Deputy Director, Performance, Research, and National Technical Assistance Division,
U.S. Economic Development Administration
- 1:00 p.m. **CEDS Best Practice Snapshots**
Des Craig, Economic Recovery Coordinator, Western Nevada Development District
Kimberly Mildward, Economic Development Planner, Northwest Missouri Regional COG
Robert Venables, Executive Director, Southeast Conference (AK)
Lindsay Whitson, Community & Economic Development Program Manager, Triangle J COG (NC)
- 1:30 p.m. *Networking Break*
- 1:45 p.m. **Building a Future Ready Region**
Erik Pages, President, EntreWorks Consulting
- 2:30 p.m. **Incorporating Equity and Economic Inclusion into the CEDS**
Amanda Straight, Inclusive Economic Development Advisor, New Growth Innovation Network
- 3:00 p.m. *Networking Break*
- 3:15 p.m. **Climate Resilience Strategies**
Josh Human, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Partnership Coordinator, FEMA
- 3:45 p.m. **Outdoor Recreation and Tourism as an Economic Driver**
Megan McConville, Founder, Park Street Community Solutions
- 4:15 p.m. **Speed Networking Session**
- 5:00 p.m. **Final Reflections / Adjourn**

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