



GARC Economic Development Conference
Legacy Lodge & Conference Center
Lake Lanier Islands Resort
May 1-3, 2016

Executive Directors, Policy Members, Guests, Speakers, and Economic Development Pros:

Attached please find the agenda and registration information of the 2016 GARC Economic Development Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Lake Lanier Islands Resort in Buford, Georgia. It is scheduled for May 1-3, 2016.

As in the past, we have been able to secure some outstanding presenters for this year's program. We have a great line-up of speakers scheduled including Jonathan Corso, Economic Development Administration; David Mull, United States Department of Agriculture; Shannon Ridley, Environmental Protection Division; Dawn Sturbaum, Georgia Department of Community Affairs Main Street; and others.

Registration \$265.00 per person

The registration fee is \$265.00. This includes all policy officials, staff, and sponsors who will be involved in the training. This fee covers the workshops and meals. **Please complete the attached registration form and return to Jan Perez at TRRC, P.O. Box 818, Griffin, Georgia 30224. Make checks payable to Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC).** Any cancellations for conference registration must be received by April 26th.

Please note that anyone that has not registered for the conference will be denied access to the events/meals.

Spouse /Guest \$185.00 per person

A special rate for any spouse of a policy official, sponsor, or staff member is \$185.00, which includes workshops and meals. **Please note that any spouse/guest attending conference events/meals is required to register. Any spouse/guest that has not registered for the conference will be denied access to the events/meals.**

Rooms \$149.00 per night

A block of hotel rooms is set aside at Lake Lanier Islands Resort, but you are responsible for making your own room reservations. **Please make your room reservations immediately by calling Lake Lanier Islands Resort directly at 1-800-768-5253.** Ask for the GARC rate of \$149.00 plus \$14.50 resort fee (13% tax if applicable). In order to get this rate, you must secure your room by **April 1, 2016.** If you have to cancel your room reservation, the Resort has

requested that this be done by April 29th or your RC will be charged by Lake Lanier Islands Resort.

Minimum Guarantee

Upon vote by Policy Officials and Executive Directors, each of the 12 Regional Commissions is expected to guarantee a minimum of three (3) registrations/rooms. Feel free to bring more than the minimum of three (3).

Receptions

We are looking for hosts for the Sunday and Monday evening receptions; the cost is \$750. If you know of a company that would like to host one or both of the events, please let Jan Perez or myself know.

Door Prizes

We would again ask each RC and exhibitors to bring two (2) quality door prize to be given away at Monday evening's dinner. Let me encourage you to bring something of quality (i.e. baskets from your region, etc. – not ball caps and tee shirts) that you would be proud to win, too.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jan Perez, TRRC Secretary, at 678-692-0510 or jperez@threeriversrc.com. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming 2016 GARC Economic Development Conference.

Sincerely,



Lanier E. Boatwright
Executive Director
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