AGENDA

WIOA

PARTNERS' MEETING

September 5-6, 2019
Embassy Suites
11301 Financial Centre Parkway
Little Rock, AR 72211

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DAY 1

Thursday, September 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. Welcome

Kris Jones, Assistant Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

9:10 a.m. Arkansas State Government Transformation (Plenary)
Department of Commerce Secretary's Address

Mike Preston, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Commerce

9:30 a.m. WIOA Roundtable Updates (Plenary)

WIOA Roundtable Executive Committee

Kris Jones, Assistant Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services – Employment Assistance Unit

Alan McClain, Commissioner
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Bridget Criner, Associate Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services – Adult Education Services

Betsy Barnes, Financial Administrator
Division of State Services for the Blind

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. Break Out Sessions

- Workforce Data *(Diplomat Room)*
  Workforce Data Analytics — Dr. Nathan Smith
  Director of Research & State Broadband Manager
  Arkansas Department of Commerce
- Financial Management *(Envoy Room)*
  WIOA Roles, Responsibilities &Firewalls — Tanya Plunkett, Director
  Angela Cook, Program Manager
  DWS Internal Audit & Financial Monitoring
- Program Participation/Case Management *(Consulate I & II Room)*
  Diversity Training — Tony Brown
  Office of Personnel Management
  Department of Transformation & Shared Services
- Business Services *(Ambassador Ballroom)*
  Thomas P. Miller Associates

11:45 A.M. BREAK

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12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Presentation *(Ambassador Ballroom)*
WIOA Local Plans Expectations

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1:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

- Workforce Data *(Diplomat Room)*
  Workforce Data Analytics — Dr. Nathan Smith
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- Partnership Collaboration *(Consulate I & II Room)*
  AEDC Update — Steve Sparks, Director
  Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Training Division

- Program Participation/Case Management *(Envoy Room)*
  Customer-Centered Design
  North Central LWDA Case Study — Dr. Claudia Griffin
  WIOA Title I Policy Specialist
  Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

- Business Services *(Ambassador Ballroom)* — Thomas P. Miller Associates

2:15 P.M. BREAK

2:30 p.m. Labor Market Information (Plenary)

Belinda Hodges, LMI Program Manager
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

3:30 p.m. Highlight: Local Regional Collaborations (Plenary)

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Area

Barbara Hamilton, Director, SAU-Tech Adult Education
Tamara Bowers, WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth
Joshua Taylor, Local Office Manager, Division of Workforce Services

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn (Plenary)

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DAY 2

Friday, September 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. **Welcome (Plenary)**

Dr. Charisse Childers, Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

8:45 a.m. **SWOT Analysis Follow-up (Plenary)**

Sarah Yager, Program Coordinator
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services – Adult Education Services

9:15 a.m. **Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program (Plenary)**

Panelists

Eduardo Lemm, ADWS Targeted Populations Advisor

Maria Garcia, ADWS State Monitor Advocate

Elroy Willoughby, ADWS Operations Chief

Clevon Young, AR Human Development Corporation

9:45 a.m. BREAK

10:00 a.m. **Registered Apprenticeship Expansion in Non-Traditional Industry Sectors Panel (Plenary)**

Panelists

Melissa Johnston, First Orion

Becky Ives, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control

Nick D'Antonio, Institute for American Apprenticeship, Lockheed Martin

Jonathan Bibb, Arkansas Career Training Institute

11:00 a.m. **Arkansas Department of Commerce Communications Plan (Plenary)**

Panelists

Alisha Curtis, Chief Communications & Legislative Director
Arkansas Department of Commerce

Zoë Calkins, Director of Communications
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

Chip McAfee, Director of Communications
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

12:00 Noon **Closing Remarks and Adjourn (Plenary)**

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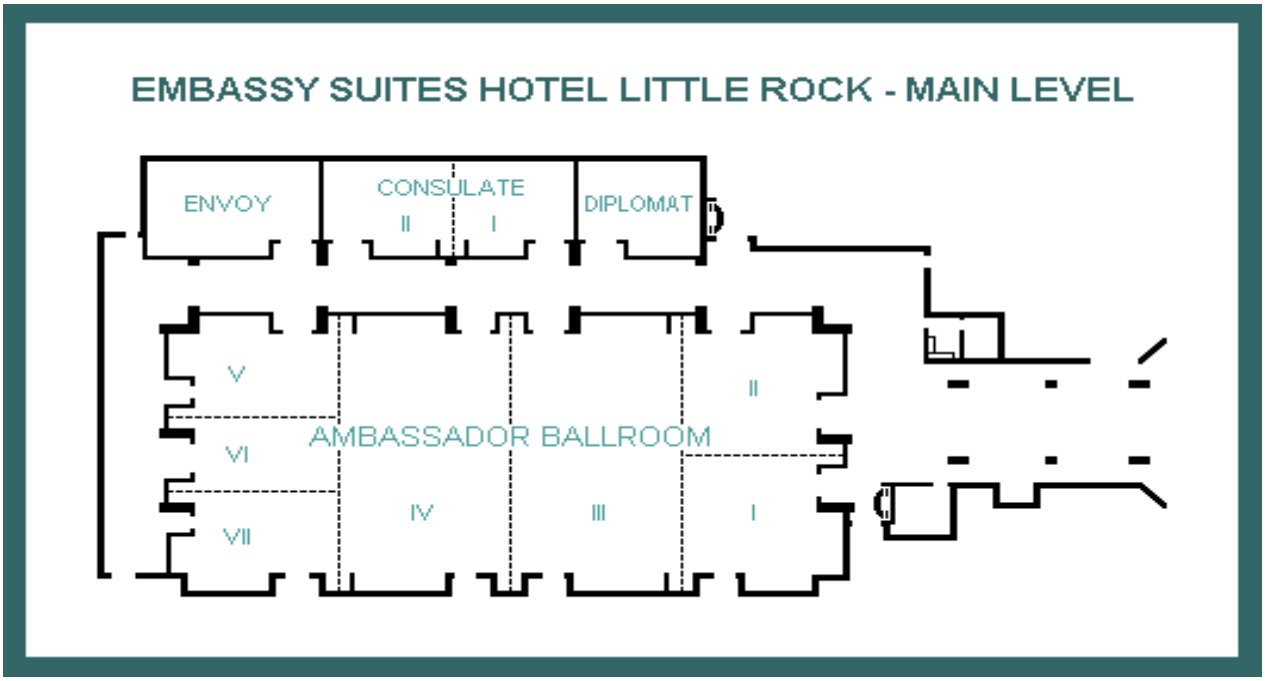

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