



U.S. Economic Development Administration

2008 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
NEW ORLEANS "Sustaining American Prosperity: The 21st Century Challenge"

April 16 – 18, 2008
New Orleans, Louisiana

April 16:

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Registration
Foyer of the Acadia Grand Ballroom

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Opening Reception
Riverview Room on the 41st Floor

April 17:

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration
Foyer of the Acadia Grand Ballroom

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
Mardi Gras A - C

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Welcome and Opening Keynote Address**
Acadia Grand Ballroom

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Workshops
The Changing American Workplace
Mardi Gras D

Rebuilding the City of New Orleans
Mardi Gras E

Tomorrow's Economic Drivers: Realities Trends and Impacts
Mardi Gras F - H

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Luncheon**
Acadia Grand Ballroom

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM Break

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Concurrent Workshops
The American Manufacturing Sector in the 21st Century
Mardi Gras F - H

The American Worker: Trends and Analyses
Mardi Gras D

Growing Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs
Mardi Gras E

April 18:

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
Mardi Gras A – C

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM Roundtable Discussion
Acquiring Venture Capital and Private Equity
Acadia Grand Ballroom

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Concurrent Workshops
The Role of Non-Profits in the Economic Marketplace: the Microloan Phenomena
Mardi Gras F – H

Free Trade, the Global Marketplace, and the American Economy
Mardi Gras D

America's Physical Infrastructure: Meeting the Challenge
Mardi Gras E

11:30 AM – 12: 15 AM **Concluding Plenary Session**
Acadia Grand Ballroom