



Achieving Peak Performance in Economic Development

2008 EDA Denver & Seattle Regional Conference
Denver ~ September 9-10, 2008



The Denver and Seattle regional offices of the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, will co-host a conference on “Achieving Peak Performance in Economic Development” in Denver, Colorado on September 9 and 10, 2008. Representatives of EDA-supported economic development agencies and EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program administrators are especially encouraged to attend and participate. The conference schedule is full of opportunities for networking with EDA officials and staff, economic development thought leaders, and practitioners from across the two regions.

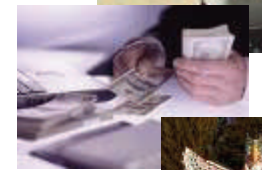
Program Overview:

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 - Regional Strategies for 21st Century America

The first day of the conference will focus on the development and execution of regional strategies relevant to a competitive global economy. Sessions will include presentations on best practices by field practitioners as well as nationally recognized experts, who will share the latest ideas and information on regional strategies. Dr. Phillip Singerman, former Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, will be the keynote luncheon speaker.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 - Concurrent Sessions: RLF Workshop, Tribal Economic Development Issues, Council on Competitiveness Training

The second day of the conference includes three concurrent sessions on “The Administration of Revolving Loan Funds”, “Tribal Economic Development Issues and Practices,” and “Council on Competitiveness Training on Regional Strategic Planning”. *The RLF Workshop is required training for all administrators of EDA-funded loan funds.* The Competitiveness Training is offered specifically for economic developers in the Denver Region. The Seattle Region will host a separate session at a future date and location to be announced.



Conference Location & Accommodations:



All sessions will be at the Sheraton Denver Hotel (formerly Adam’s Mark Hotel) on the 16th Street Mall near the Civic Center in downtown Denver. A block of rooms at the hotel is being made available to participants at government rates. Additional lodging at other nearby properties has also been arranged. *Registration and reservation information will be available in the near future.*

Useful Links:

Denver and Colorado have much to offer visitors. Planning a visit can be made easier and more enjoyable by using the resources provided below.

[Denver Convention & Visitor’s Bureau](#)

Learn more about Denver and what to do while you are here. This site provides many useful links to the area’s attractions, restaurants, shopping, events, and nightlife.



[Denver International Airport](#)

Flying into Denver? Denver is one of the most accessible cities for air travelers from all parts of the U.S. This site covers everything one needs to know about arrival, departure and shuttling between the airport and downtown Denver.

[Colorado Tourism](#)

Mid-September is a wonderful time to visit the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. The state’s tourism office can provide information on local area attractions for planning an early arrival or an extended stay.

