

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION SUMMIT (REDS)

Wednesday, May 23 @ 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

- Organized By Wichita State University 1845 Fairmount St. Wichita
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About

Wichita State University (WSU), South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA), would like to invite you to participate in a Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS) on May 23, 2018 at Wichita State University.

May 22 at 2:00 p.m., Wichita State University will host a tour of their Innovation Facilities. All are welcomed to attend.

On May 23 at 7:30 a.m. WSU, SCKEDD and EDA will host a Regional Economic Diversification Summit at the WSU Experiential Engineering Building, Room 264, 4010 E.17th Street, Wichita, KS 67208.

The REDS will focus on four topic areas: Workforce Development, Innovation/Knowledge Transfer, Broadband Expansion and Trade/Export Development; pulling in priorities identified in the Blueprint for Economic Growth (BREG), the Regional Economic Area Prosperity Plan (REAP) and the SCKEDD 2012 CEDS. The REDS will be a working meeting with discussion on ways to implement projects in the 14-county region of Butler, Chautauqua, Crowley, Elk, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Marion, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgewick and Sumner that are at the tipping point of achievement with a concerted effort from federal, state, local, non-profit and private sector partners. An outcome of the REDS will be the creation of one or more working groups that will focus on implementing identified projects from the discussion.

This event is being held on Wichita State University's new Innovation Campus in the Experiential Engineering Building (EEB) which houses cutting-edge technology available for use by students, faculty and the general public to develop new products, processes and technology. The EEB includes 25 labs, a wing devoted to Go Create and a makerspace, open-to-the-public that is full of wood, metal and textile crafting machines. It also includes WSU Ventures that supports WSU faculty, staff and students with commercialization / intellectual property and assists with linking industry, entrepreneurs and investors with university resources and technology. This event is being co-hosted by SCKEDD which offers a wealth of loan programs designed to meet the unique funding needs of entrepreneurs and emerging companies focused on financing new job creation and expanding existing companies' business opportunities.



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