



SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

- 9am - 11:30am** **State Workforce Development Board Meeting**
- 11:30am - noon** **Registration and Networking with Exhibitors**
- Noon - 12:10pm** **Opening Comments**
- 12:10pm – 12:50pm** **Lunch**
- 12:50pm – 1:30pm** **Keynote Speaker**
Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce, South Carolina Department of Commerce
- 1:30pm – 1:45pm** **Networking Break and Exhibits**
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **Preparing Leaders for the Workforce of the Future**
Keynote Speaker: Anne Loehr, Founder, Anne Loehr & Associates
- 2:45pm - 3:30pm** **South Carolina's Talent Pipeline**
Cheryl Stanton, Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

As the state continues to recruit businesses and as existing businesses continue to expand, the need for workforce talent is growing. Executive Director Stanton will address the state's initiative aimed at building a talent pipeline in order to this need by addressing issues such as skill gaps and creating meaningful career pathways for a range of workers and skill levels in important regional industries. She will discuss where we are in meeting Gov. Haley's mandate, and what work still needs to be done.
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm** **Networking Break and Exhibits**
- 3:45pm – 4:30pm** **Future Workforce Needs**
Dr. Jimmie Williamson, President, South Carolina Technical College System
- 4:30pm – 5:45pm** **Legislative Panel with emphasis on workforce development**
Moderator: Jim Reynolds, CEO, Total Comfort Solutions
Invited Panelists: Senator Robert Hayes, Senator John Matthews, Representative Rita Allison, and Representative Robert Brown
- 5:45pm – 6:00pm** **Closing Comments**
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm** **Networking Reception**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18

- 9am – 9:15am** **Opening Comments**
*Cheryl Stanton, Executive Director, South Carolina Department of
Employment and Workforce*
- 9:15am – 10:00am** **The Longevity Revolution and Its Impact on the Workforce**
Cynthia L. Hutchins, Director of Financial Gerontology, Bank of America
- 10:00am – 11:45am** **Business Panel with representatives from Manufacturing,
Construction, IT, Health Services, Small Business—Topic is Finding
Workers—Q&A with Audience**
Moderator: TBA
*Panelists: Bill Caldwell, President, Waldrop Mechanical Services; Lonnie
Emard, President, IT-ology; Tim Hayden, President, Sargent Metal; Hal
Stevenson, Owner, Grace Outdoor; Jimmy Walker, Senior Vice President,
Regulatory and Workforce, South Carolina Hospital Association*
- The Number 1 issue for businesses in choosing where to locate or expand is a
sustainable, highly educated workforce of technicians, managers, engineers
and entrepreneurs that constantly upgrades for a company to be globally
competitive. South Carolina needs skilled workers---especially middle-skilled
workers. We have the jobs---we just to find qualified people to fill them. We
have assembled a panel of business professionals representing Manufacturing,
Construction Small Business Healthcare and IT to discuss their concerns and
issues with finding workers.*
- 11:45am – noon** **Closing Comments**

