

# 2023 PROGRAM

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

JEKYLL ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER  
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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

### Convention Center 12:00 - 5:00

- 12:00 Registration Opens
- 1:00 Daryl Ingram, ECG | Welcome
- 1:15 Walter West, ECG & Arthur Corbin, Gas Authority | Georgia Energy Cities
- 1:45 Paul Radford, City of Sugar Hill | Sugar Hill Downtown Story
- 3:00 Rahim Charania, Three Ring Studios/Woodvale | The Impact of Film Studios
- 4:00 City of Sylvester | Edge Development Certificate Presentation

### The Westin Beachside Courtyard 6:30

Evening Reception - Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28

### Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00

### Convention Center 8:00 - 12:00

8:00 ECG Board Meeting

### SESSION OPTION - INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 9:00 Community Proposal Best Practices
- 10:15 Ralph Forbes, Thomas & Hutton | How Competitive is Your Industrial Site
- 11:00 Kelley Bush, LaGrange Development Authority | Innovative Workforce Solutions

### SESSION OPTION - RETAIL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 9:00 Jeremy Emmett, Southern Lodging & Daniel Martin, ECG | Retail Trends & Hospitality
- 10:15 Amy Johnson, City of Moultrie | The Building Blocks of a Downtown Transformation
- 11:00 Kim Carter, GA Dept. of Community Affairs | Grants+Funding+Community Development

**Golf Outing 1:00 | Reception & Dinner 6:30 | After Dinner Entertainment 8:30**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29

### Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00

### Convention Center 8:00 - 11:00

- 8:00 Connie Tabor, City of Toccoa | Three R's in Economic Development: Revitalization. Relationships. Resilience
- 9:00 Mike & Denise Mullis, JM Mullis, Inc. | Today's 21st Century Site Selection Model
- 10:15 Melissa Dark, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber | Georgia FLEX