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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

2024 SUMMER CONFERENCE

JULY 21-24, 2024

THE GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA

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AGENDA



PASSWORD: EDAA2024

SUNDAY, JULY 21

EXHIBIT SETUP

Grand Ballroom South Patio Foyer

10:00–1:00

REGISTRATION

Grand Ballroom Foyer

1:00–5:00

EXHIBIT

Grand Ballroom South Patio Foyer

1:00–5:00

EDAA BOARD MEETING

Beachside

3:00–5:00

OPENING RECEPTION

Grand Ballroom North

Sponsored by:

Agracel

AIDT/RTP (Robotics Technology Park)

Bradley

5:30–7:00

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7:00





MONDAY, JULY 22

BREAKFAST

Grand Ballroom

Sponsored by:

Eufaula Chamber of Commerce

TriRivers Waterway Development Association

7:15–8:15

EXHIBIT

Grand Ballroom South Patio Foyer

8:15–11:20

WELCOME

Magnolia Ballroom

8:15–8:30

A CONVERSATION WITH ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND EDPA

Angela Till, Deputy Secretary of Commerce

Greg Barker, EDPA

Sponsored by: TVA

8:30–9:00

A CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR KENNETH BOSWELL

Kenneth Boswell, Director, ADECA

Jim Searcy, Executive Director, EDAA

9:00–9:30

AIDT UPDATE

Ed Castile, Deputy Secretary of Commerce/AIDT Director

9:30–10:15

BREAK

Sponsored by:

Alabama Higher Education Partnership – Student Retention Council

Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association

Baldwin County EDA

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

Jackson County Economic Development Association

Morgan County Economic Development Association

TTL, Inc.

University of South Alabama

10:15–10:30



EDPA UPDATE

Greg Barker, President, EDPA
Sponsored by: Regions Bank

10:30-11:00

DOOR PRIZES

11:00-11:20

GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON

Grand Ballroom
Governor Kay Ivey
Sponsored by: Alabama Municipal Electric Authority

11:30-1:00

GEDI-EDAA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AWARDS

REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES

Moderator: Alabama Department of Commerce

North Alabama – Angela Smith, Alabama Department of Commerce
Azalea A

Central Alabama – Ted Clem, Alabama Department of Commerce
Azalea C-F

South Alabama – Hollie Pegg, Alabama Department of Commerce
Azalea B

1:00-2:30

RECEPTION

Grand Ballroom
Sponsored by:
Butler Snow, LLP
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

6:00-6:30

ALABAMA DINNER

Grand Ballroom
Sponsored by: City of Clanton

6:30-8:00

CHILDREN'S BINGO

Magnolia 2

8:00-9:30

CASINO NIGHT

Azalea Ballroom
Sponsored by: Grow Southeast Alabama

8:00-11:00



TUESDAY, JULY 23

BREAKFAST

Grand Ballroom

Sponsored by: PowerSouth Energy Cooperative

7:30-8:30

EXHIBIT

Grand Ballroom South Patio Foyer

8:30-11:00

HOW AI COULD DISRUPT SITE SELECTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cedric Colbert, Senior Consultant, GLS

Sponsored by: C Spire

8:30-9:30

TALENT ATTRACTION AND RETENTION

Moderator: Miller Girvin, EDPA

Nasir Jordan, UAB

Rylen Dempsey, University of Alabama

MarKaylee Talton, Shelton State

Chaney Scott McCorquodale, University of Alabama

9:30-10:15

BREAK

Sponsored by:

Butler County Commission of Economic Development

Horizon Point Consulting, Inc.

Lowndes County Economic Development Commission

Marshall County Economic Development Council

St. Clair County Economic Development Council

10:15-10:30

THE US ECONOMY: WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING?

John Norris, Chief Economist, Managing Director, Oakworth Capital Bank

10:30-11:15

THINGS A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPER WISHED CITY OFFICIALS KNEW

Buff Teague, JLL

Michael Delaney, Delaney Property Group

11:15-11:45

DOOR PRIZES

11:45-12:00

AFTERNOON NETWORKING EVENT

Grand Pool

2:00-4:00

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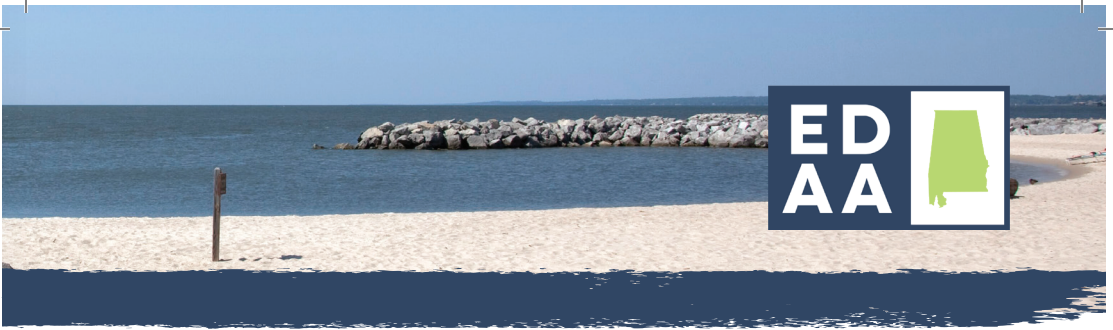
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Development Corporation

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Jonathan Schniper

Robyn Snellgrove

Karen Suggs

Thomas Tyson

Joel Watts

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2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

October 6 – 8, 2024

Perdido Beach Resort

2025 WINTER CONFERENCE

January 27 – 29, 2025

Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center

2025 SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 27 – 30, 2025

The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa

2026 WINTER CONFERENCE

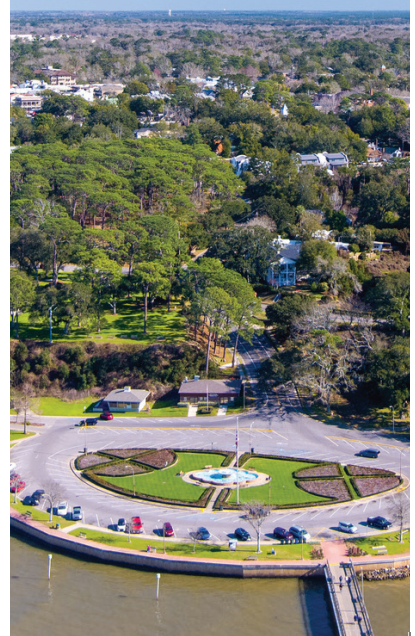
January 26 – 28, 2026

Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center

2026 SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 19 – 22, 2026

The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa





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Jefferson County Economic and
Industrial Development Authority

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Development Authority

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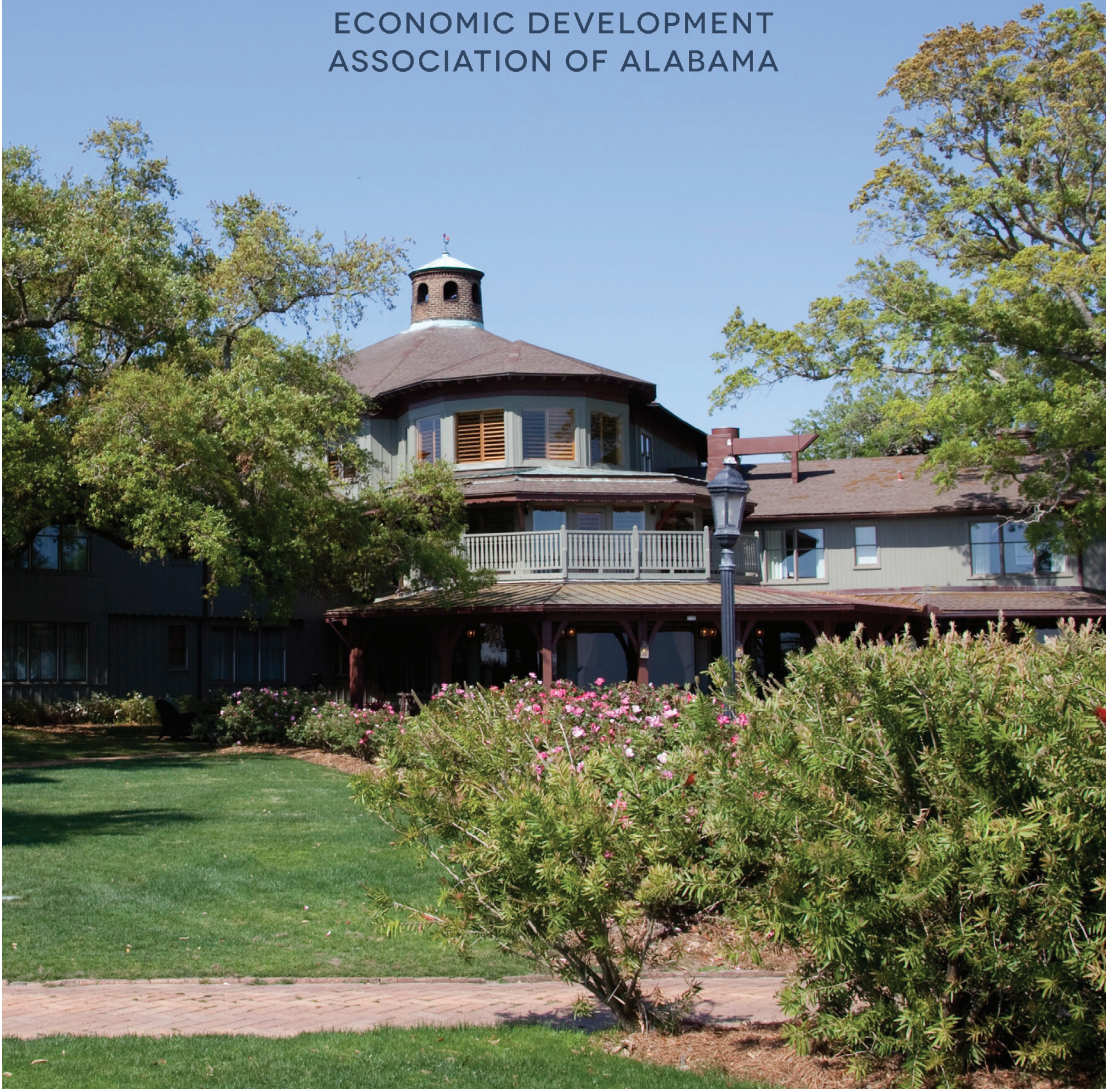
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