

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010 • 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Hyatt Wichita – 400 W Waterman



REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP (REAP)

REGIONALISM WORKSHOP

POSITIONING YOUR REGION TO WIN – BUILDING BLOCKS FOR COMPETITIVENESS

Ronnie Bryant, CEcD, FM, HLM, *President, Charlotte Regional Partnership;*

Tim Chase, CEcD, FM, *President, Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce*

REAP and GWEDC are pleased to host a workshop on regional economic development presented by two leaders in the field. Ronnie Bryant and Tim Chase have experience from regions throughout the country and have served in leadership and consulting positions in the International Economic Development Organization.

Ronnie and Tim will give lessons learned from decades of experience in helping regions compete for new investment. The highly interactive session will allow for plenty of questions about the process and its benefits and challenges.

WORKSHOP HOSTS:

Commissioner Dave Unruh of Sedgwick County, *Committee Chair, REAP Economic Development Committee;*

Vicki Pratt Gerbino, CEcD, *President, GWEDC*

*Please RSVP to Beth Shelton • bshelton@gwedc.org or 316.268.1133 by **Monday July 12.***



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MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS –



GUEST SPEAKER

As President and CEO of the Charlotte Regional Partnership (NC), Mr. Bryant promotes a 16-county area. Mr. Bryant's career spans more than 30 years and includes executive positions with the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, and the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association, where he has been credited with the development of job creation strategies that resulted in more than 117,000 jobs within a five-year period. Ronnie has been recognized for his economic development work by Site Selection magazine; the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and The City Magazine-Charlotte. He is past chairman of the International Economic Development Council and serves on the NC Economic Development Board.

RONNIE BRYANT, CEcD, FM, HLM

President & CEO, Charlotte Regional Partnership



GUEST SPEAKER

Tim Chase is the President and CEO of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TX); coming from the top position at the Dixon Industrial Development Association in IL. Mr. Chase has been an economic development professional for more than twenty years and has served on the Boards of economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, and downtown business development organizations in Colorado, Wyoming, Iowa, Illinois and Texas. He is immediate past chair of Team Texas and is on the Board for the North Texas Regional Center for Innovation & Commercialization.

TIM CHASE, CEcD, FM

President & CEO, Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industry