



**EDAA**

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**2025**

# SUMMER CONFERENCE



**JULY 27-30, 2025**

**THE GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA**

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# AGENDA



PASSWORD: EDAA2025

# SUNDAY, JULY 27

## 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**

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

*The Colony*

**3:00–4:30**

## EDAA BOARD MEETING

*Beachside*

**3:30–5:00**

## NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET THE BOARD

*Beachside*

**5:00–5:30**

## OPENING RECEPTION

*Grand Ballroom North*

### HONORING ANGELA TILL

Sponsored by:

Agracel

Bradley

AIDT/RTP (Robotics Technology Park)

**5:30–7:00**

## DINNER ON YOUR OWN

# MONDAY, JULY 28

## REGISTRATION

7:00–11:20

## BREAKFAST

*Grand Ballroom*

Sponsored by: City of Clanton

7:30–8:30

## EXHIBIT

*Grand Ballroom South Patio Foyer*

8:30–11:20

## WELCOME

*Magnolia Ballroom*

8:30–8:45

## A CONVERSATION WITH ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ELLEN McNAIR

Ellen McNair, Secretary of Commerce

Sponsored by: TVA

8:45–9:15

## A CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR KENNETH BOSWELL

Kenneth Boswell, Director, ADECA

9:15–9:45

## AIDT UPDATE

Ed Castile, Deputy Secretary of Commerce/AIDT Director

9:45–10:15

## BREAK

Sponsored by:

Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association

Butler County Commission for Economic Development

DeKalb County Economic Development Authority

Higher Education Partnership of Alabama

Marshall County Economic Development Council

Morgan County Economic Development Association

Westervelt Realty, Inc.

10:15–10:30



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### EDPA UPDATE

Miller Girvin, President, EDPA

**10:30-11:00**

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### DOOR PRIZES

**11:00-11:20**

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### GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON

*Grand Ballroom*

Governor Kay Ivey

Sponsored by: Energy Southeast

**12:00-1:30**

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### GEDI-EDAA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AWARDS

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### RECEPTION

*Grand Ballroom*

Sponsored by:

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

Butler Snow, LLP

**5:30-6:00**

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### ALABAMA DINNER

*Grand Ballroom*

Sponsored by: Balch & Bingham, LLP

**6:00-7:30**

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### CHILDREN'S BINGO

*Beachside*

Sponsored by: Maynard Nexsen PC

**7:30-9:00**

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### CASINO NIGHT

*Azalea Ballroom*

Sponsored by:

Grow Southeast Alabama

Eufaula Barbour County Chamber of Commerce

TriRivers Waterway Development Association

**7:30-10:30**

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# TUESDAY, JULY 29

## BREAKFAST

*Grand Ballroom*

**Sponsored by: PowerSouth Energy Cooperative**

**8:00-9:00**

## EXHIBIT

*Grand Ballroom South Patio Foyer*

**9:00-11:30**

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

**9:00-9:15**

## MARITIME INDUSTRY PRESENTATION

*Lindsay Cline, US Navy Maritime Industrial Base*

**9:15-10:15**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*Moderator: Jason Isbell, Senior Vice President, Regions Bank*

*Senator Clyde Chambliss, Alabama Senate*

*Representative Van Smith, Alabama House of Representatives*

**10:15-11:00**

## BREAK

**Sponsored by:**

**Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance**

**Central Alabama Electric Cooperative**

**Central Alabama Redevelopment Alliance**

**Evans General Contractors**

**Jackson County Economic Development Authority**

**Morrell Engineering**

**St. Clair County Economic Development Council**

**11:00-11:20**

## SITE SELECTOR

*Jeannette Goldsmith, Vice President, Strategic Development Group*

**Sponsored by: Regions Financial Corporation**

**11:20-12:20**

## DOOR PRIZES

**12:20-12:30**

## AFTERNOON NETWORKING EVENT

*Grand Pool*

**2:00-4:00**

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

## **BREAKFAST**

*Grand Ballroom*

**7:15-8:15**

## **EXHIBIT**

**8:15-10:30**

## **PLACE MAKING AND TOURISM**

Moderator: Jim Byard, Jr., Byard Associates LLC

Mayor Tracy Honea, City of Albertville (Sand Mountain Park)

Richie Beyer, Chief Operations Officer, Elmore County (17 Springs)

**8:15-8:45**

## **EMPOWERING YOUR LOCAL COMMERCIAL DEVELOPER**

Moderator: Don Smith, Executive Director, St. Clair County EDC

Bill Ellison, I-20 Development, Inc.

Carson Cummings, Coldwell Banker Commercial

**8:45-9:30**

## **AI BEST PRACTICES**

Lauren Hyde, Executive Director, Alabama Business Intelligence Center, EDPA

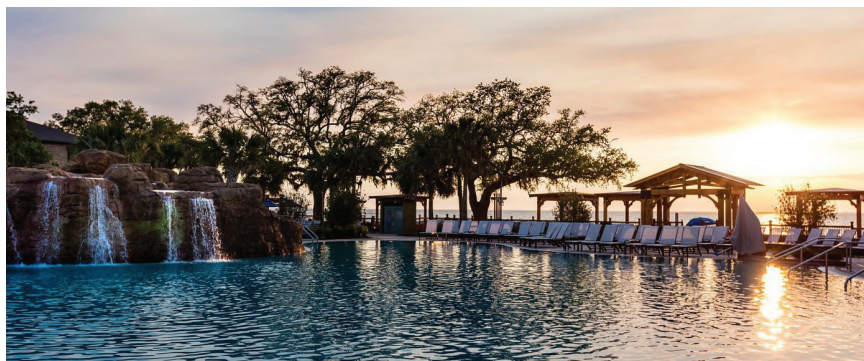
Emily Jerkins Hall, VP of External Affairs & Economic Development, QuantHub

**9:30-10:00**

## **BUSINESS SESSION, FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10:00-10:30**

## **DOOR PRIZES AND ADJOURN**



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Central Alabama Redevelopment Alliance  
DeKalb County Economic  
Development Authority

Evans General Contractors  
Higher Education Partnership of Alabama  
Jackson County Economic  
Development Authority  
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## ADVOCATE

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Alabama Department of Commerce

Southeast Gas

Spire

## MENTOR

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## PARTNER

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Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

EDPA

Huntsville/Madison County Chamber

Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce

North Alabama Industrial

Development Association

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Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce

Talladega County Economic  
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TVA

Walker County Development Authority

## SUSTAINING

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City of Hoover

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Lawrence County Industrial  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 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

### 2027 WINTER CONFERENCE

**January 25 – 27, 2027**

Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the  
Convention Center

### 2027 SUMMER CONFERENCE

**August 15 – 18, 2027**

The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa

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