Workforce Development Workshop Agenda

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship (CICE) Building, Room 113
5091 Rolfe Christopher, Beaumont, TX 77705

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  **Welcome and Self Introductions**
Facilitator: *Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, CAPM*

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  **Current Workforce Initiatives and the Regional Gaps that Exist**
Discussion Facilitator: *Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, CAPM and Sade Chick, Manager of Corporate Affairs, Port of Beaumont*

*Speaker*: *Lauren Van Gerven, Business Solutions Representative & Labor Market Analyst, Workforce Solutions of Southeast Texas*

**Group Discussion:**
- What other entities are currently working on workforce development initiatives?
- What is the best way to unify efforts?
- What do employers need?
- If there are all these efforts, why is there still a gap?

10:30 – 11:30am  **Community Involvement and Bridging the Gap**
Moderator: *Sade Chick, Manager of Corporate Affairs, Port of Beaumont*

**Group Discussion:**
- How do we effectively reach out to local faith-based and civic organizations and share up-to-date information?
- How do we make noticeable change in the community?
- How do we steer students, the underemployed and the unemployed to positions associated with the Maritime Transportation Network that we have identified?

11:30 – 11:45 am  **Feedback Segment**- All participants submit an answer to the questions below.
- What is being done well with regard to workforce development efforts in Southeast Texas?
- Where are we falling short?
11:45 am-12:15 pm  
**Lunch Break**  
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**Meeting the Need: Current and Future Education and Training Opportunities**  
Moderator: Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, CAPM

**Group Discussion:**
- What training opportunities do the employers see a need for?
- What opportunities do the schools see a need for?
- What opportunities do community leaders see a need for?
- How do we build out the current initiative to meet these needs?
- Why do we have a plethora of resources that we are unable to get to the right audiences?
- What are two measurable goals we want to come from this portion of the initiative?

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2:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Workshop Wrap-Up and Next Steps**  
Facilitators: Sade Chick, Port of Beaumont and Erik Stromberg, CAPM

**Workshop Adjourns**