



**Regional Strategies Forum:
Regional Prosperity in a Changing Landscape**
July 29, 2009
Raleigh, North Carolina

- 8:00 - 9:00 am Registration and Continental breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:30 am Welcome/State of the Association:
 - Speaker: Richard C.D. Fleming, President and CEO, St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association
- 9:30 - 11:00 am Opening Keynote Session
Speakers:
 - Ted Abernathy, Executive Director, Southern Growth Policies Board
 - Michael Gallis, Principal, Michael Gallis & Associates
- 11:00 – 11:15 am Break
- 11:15 - 12:30 pm Moring Breakout Sessions
Topic: *Regional Organizational Models that Work*
This workshop we'll explore effective organizational models for regional groups. Featured speakers will provide historical, political and geographic context to understand how their organizational structures have evolved. Funding, geographic considerations and governance will also be explored.
Speakers:
 - Robert L. Quick, CCE, President and CEO, Commerce Lexington
 - F. Michael Langley, President, Langley Group
Topic: *The Power of Place*
Successful regions have learned to leverage cultural assets, such as museums, parks, other quality of life features to impact their economy. Learn the secrets to successful talent attraction, educational excellence, investment appeal and tourism to be found in cultural asset enhancement.

Speaker: Robert McNulty, President, Partners for
Livable Communities

- 12:30 – 1:45 pm Awards Luncheon with Presentations
At the awards luncheon we will recognize winners of the 2009 ARS Organizational Champion and the 2009 Individual Leadership Awards. The Organizational Champion Award acknowledges regional alliances and organizations for excellence and noteworthy achievement in the principles of regional stewardship: innovative economy, livable communities, social inclusion, and a collaborative style of governance. The Individual Leadership Award recognizes the personal contributions of individuals who exemplify the spirit of regional cooperation and have increased regional capacity, achieved tangible results and shown the potential for sustainability
- 1:45 - 3:00 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions II
Topic: *TBD*

Topic: *Is Sustainability Sustainable*
In the current economic climate is “green” still the way of the future or will recovery trump environmental sustainability?
Speaker: Doug Henton, Chairman & CEO, Collaborative Economics
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm Break
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm Closing Keynote
Topic: *The Future of Civic Leadership – Who will lead our regions out of recession and into economic renewal?*
The return to economic vitality for each of our regions will demand visionary civic leaders: individuals who are strong enough to make hard decisions and confident enough to bring the broader community along. Investigate the multi-faceted issue of civic leadership.
Speaker: Joe Roman, President and CEO, Greater Cleveland Partnership
- 5:00 pm ACCE Welcome Reception