

Dreamcatcher

Official Weekly Newsletter for the 2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit

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**AUGUST 17-18, 2005
8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
JUDSON F. WILLIAMS CONVENTION CENTER**

We're excited about the many phone calls and emails we have received about the Summit. This event is less than one month away and we look forward to everyone's participation. To answer some of the frequently asked questions, the Summit is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

This newsletter for this issue will feature the Transportation and Manufacturing components of the 2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit. Veronica Callaghan from KASCO Ventures will touch on the Transportation issue whereas Kathy Neal from A.O. Smith Electrical Products Company will provide an insight regarding the Manufacturing section of the Summit. Both will briefly forecast the direction how these two regional issues will be presented.



***Veronica Kastrin Callaghan
Vice President
KASCO Ventures, Inc.
2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit
Transportation Subcommittee Chair***

The history of our Region affirms the belief that - "Transportation is Destiny"- as we have moved from being the Pass to the North, to the Camino Real of the Conquistadores, the Railroads, Interstate – 10 to the present with the International Processing Center at the El Paso Int'l Airport and the (FAST) Free and Secure Trade lanes for commerce on our International Bridges.

Mayor Cook's Economic Summit will feature "Regional Transportation Multimodal Solutions" to address the problems of mobility in our community and to deal with proposed project solutions. The Transportation Mini-Seminar will address the economic impact of transportation infrastructure or lack thereof. In order to plan for our future and sustain our comparative advantage in global commerce, our Solutions must include dealing with the added requirements for international security, increasing congestion on Interstate-10 and the International Ports of Entry, expediting rail and air movements while maintaining a sustainable environment for our community's quality of life.

Projects, which can increase mobility, reliability, and safety, will be featured at the Summit, but dealing with the crisis of funding will be a central focus. Our intent is to look at all the options available to leverage our financing of these projects, give an opportunity to the public to be heard in the planning process in order to gain the full support of both the public and private sectors in this effort.



***Kathleen Neal
Customs Manager
A.O. Smith Electrical Products Company
2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit
Manufacturing Subcommittee Chair***

Manufacturing Subcommittee Report

The Manufacturing Subcommittee session will consist of three sections:

Section 1 – Current Status

First we will have a presentation on the current status of El Paso businesses by Stan Czacki and Jose Canales. Then we will have a presentation on the maquila industry and its economic impact on the El Paso region by Michael Hissam* of Delphi. The presentations will be followed by a brief question and answer session facilitated by Jose Quiñonez.

Section 2 – Manufacturing Opportunities

Bob Cook and Pat Abeln* will give a presentation on research leading to manufacturing. Then Jose Canales will give a presentation on Advanced Manufacturing, and Matt Keats* will give a presentation on Support Services Manufacturing. The presentations will be followed by a brief question and answer session facilitated by Jose Quiñonez.

Section 3 – SWOT Analysis

Kathy Neal will facilitate an interactive SWOT analysis of the El Paso Regional manufacturing environment. We will solicit input from the panel and from the audience to determine our regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. As a group, together with the audience, we will determine which areas of manufacturing we should target. We will then develop specific objectives for the Manufacturing Cabinet.

Special Note: Time Warner Cable is proud to provide coverage of the 2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit





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