



Economic Development Partner Forum
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Penn State Berks Campus, Perkins Student Center
Agenda

Check In -Continental Breakfast – Networking

Welcome

Roger Heasley, Director, External Affairs, FirstEnergy/Met-Ed

The State of Manufacturing Technology in 2017 . . . and Beyond

Timothy Simpson, Professor of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, Penn State

The Learning Factory – University/Industry Partnerships

Edwin Sauer, Instructor in Engineering, Penn State Berks

Break

Ben Franklin Technology Partners

Connie Faylor, Regional Manager, Ben Franklin Technology Partners NE PA

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Beyond Product Development

Heather Chandler, President, Sealstrip Corporation

Cyber Security

Michael Hawkins, Founder & CEO, Netizen Corporation

Collaborative Problem Solving

Dave Fecko, Industrial Relations Coordinator, Materials Research Institute at Penn State

Networking Lunch

A look at the Eastern PA Economy

Dr. Jim Robey, Director, W. E. Upjohn Institute

Local Real Estate Market and Industry Site Selection Decision Making

Dennis Burnside, President, Juniper CRE Solutions

Electric Industry Issues

Patrick Kelly, Director, FirstEnergy Economic Development

Economic Development Tools

Doug Myers, Sr. Economic Development Adv., FirstEnergy Economic Development

Speakers include:

Timothy Simpson – Mr. Simpson is a Professor in mechanical and nuclear engineering, and industrial and manufacturing engineering departments at Penn State University. He is a faculty member of the Engineering Design and Optimization Group (EDOG) Lab. He also leads the Center for Innovative Manufacturing Processing-3D, a world leader in the growing field of additive manufacturing. Education: B.S., Cornell University, Mechanical Engineering, M.S., Georgia Institute of Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology, Mechanical Engineering.

Edwin Sauer – Mr. Sauer is an Instructor in Engineering at Penn State Berks and is coordinating the Berks Learning Factory at PSU-Berks. For most of his career Ed managed engineering and manufacturing businesses while teaching mechanical engineering as an Adjunct Professor at Drexel University. Since joining Penn State, he has built relationships with local manufacturing companies while teaching freshmen and senior courses in engineering design projects and various engineering technology courses. Education: B.S., Chemistry, Ursinus College, M.S., Physics, University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D, Engineering, Drexel University.

Heather Chandler – As President of Sealstrip Corporation, Ms. Chandler is a passionate leader, enthusiastic speaker and a flexible packaging expert. In her role at Sealstrip, she works to empower co-workers to invent and manufacture the most economical and efficient easy open and resealable features for customer's packages. Education: B.S, Penn State University, Education, MMgmt, Penn State University, Management, J.D., Law, Temple University.

Michael Hawkins – Founder and CEO of Netizen Corporation, a nationally-recognized and award-winning provider of cyber security solutions for defense, government and commercial markets including healthcare, finance, manufacturing and others. Mr. Hawkins will share insights he has gained from working closely with researchers, law enforcement, federal agencies, and customers to identify and track emerging cyber threats and trends affecting businesses across the country. Education: B.S., Computer Science, University of Maryland.

David Fecko – Mr. Fecko is the Industry Relations Coordinator for the Materials Research Institute (MRI) at Penn State. He is a high-performance materials expert and is responsible for industry/University collaborations to help industry evaluate the quality of fit between materials and applications. Education: B.S., Penn State University, Polymer Science, M.S., Penn State University, Material Science, Ph.D., University of Delaware, Material Science.

Jim Robey - Director, Regional Economic Planning Services, W. E. Upjohn Institute - Mr. Robey's research and technical assistance on economic issues and in economic and workforce development has assisted corporate, non-profit and strategic decision making, from the local to the national levels. Education: B. A. Edinboro State College, Sociology, MPA, Cleveland State University, Public Administration, Ph.D. in Urban Studies with an emphasis on Economic Development.

Dennis Burnside – Mr. Burnside is President of Juniper CRE Solutions (a Signet LLC Company) with a 30-plus year résumé of serving large and small corporate organizations, the economic development community, and the commercial real estate service and investment industry. Dennis provides corporate America with real estate advisory, transaction and portfolio management services. Education: B. S., Slippery Rock State College, History.