



# Partnering for Illinois' Economic Future

## AGENDA

- 9:30 A.M. Check-in & Registration**
- 9:45 A.M. Welcome**  
Steven Bahls, President, Augustana College
- 9:50 A.M. Opening Remarks**  
Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, 17th Congressional District of Illinois
- 9:55 A.M. Our Focus on Manufacturing**  
Dr. Lawrence B. Schook, Vice President for Research, University of Illinois
- 10:00 A.M. Keynote Address**  
Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration
- 10:25 A.M. Challenge Panel**  
Dr. Dean Bartles, Executive Director, Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute  
  
Dr. David Boulay, President, Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center  
  
Dr. Rena Cotsones, Associate Vice President of Engagement and Innovation Partnerships, Northern Illinois University  
  
John Eash, Director, F/A-18 Production & Ramp Operations, Boeing Company  
  
Mary Rose Hennessy, Executive Director, University of Illinois Business Innovation Services
- 11:15 A.M. Question & Answer**
- 12:00 P.M. Closing Remarks & Adjourn**  
Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, 17th Congressional District of Illinois

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