

Economic Development Forum on Renewable Energy in Kentucky

- 8:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast
- 8:50 **Forum Overview** – **Cam Metcalf**, Executive Director, KPPC & **Katie Stokes**, Tennessee Valley and Eastern Kentucky Wind Working Group Coordinator, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
- 9:00 **Welcome and Introduction** – **Dr. Larry Shinn**, President, Berea College
- 9:10 **Opening Remarks** – **Dr. Len Peters**, Secretary, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet
- 9:25 **Economic Drivers for Renewable Energy**
- 1) **Kate Shanks** – Assistant Director, Division of Renewable Energy, Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence
 - 2) **Jeff Brandt** – Manager, Alternative and Renewable Fuels, East Kentucky Power Cooperative
 - 3) **Dr. Kimberly Jensen** – University of Tennessee Bio-based Energy Analysis Group & National 25X25 Alliance
Dr. Chad Hellwinckel – University of Tennessee Bio-based Energy Analysis Group & National 25X25 Alliance
- 10:40 Break – coffee/juice
- 10:55 **Workforce Development in Renewable Energy**
- 1) **Tom West** – Executive Director, Kentucky Workforce Investment Board
 - 2) **Andy McDonald** – Director, Kentucky Solar Partnership
 - 3) **Donna Davis** – System Director, KCTCS Office of Workforce & Economic Development Office
Andrew Isaacs – Program Manager, Kentucky Housing Corporation
- 12:10 Lunch – provided
- 1:10 **Funding Opportunities for Renewable Energy**
- 1) **Danny Isaacs** – Loan Officer, Mountain Association for Community Economic Development
 - 2) **John Johnson** – Area Specialist, USDA, Rural Development
 - 3) **Greg Faulkner** – Program Analyst, Appalachian Regional Commission
- 2:25 Break – (refreshments provided)
- 2:40 **Renewable Energy Development in the Region**
- 1) **Gary Crawford** – CEO, ecoPower Generation, LLC
 - 2) **Dr. Bruce Pratt** – Director, Center for Renewable and Alternative Fuel Technologies, Eastern Kentucky University
George Campbell, General Atomics
- 3:20 Workshop Wrap-up
- 3:30 Adjourn