



When: Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
10:30am—5:00pm

Where: Newton College and Career Academy, 144 Ram Drive  
Covington, GA 30014

Cost: \$ 25.00/person

Keynote: Beth Herman  
Regional Director, Manpower

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# Annual Workforce Development Summit

## April 17, 2012 ▪ Covington, Georgia



Offering a qualified workforce remains an integral part of the recruitment of new businesses and industries to our communities. As our nation and state work to address the broadening skills gap in the workforce at a macro level, the Office of Economic Development at the Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce is gathering stakeholders for a real-time look at aligning our efforts and replicating best practices.

The **2012 Annual Workforce Development Summit** will bring local, regional, and state agency leaders together with elected officials and leaders in the fields of business, education, and economic development to channel the discussion into a course of action. The Summit will be held at Georgia's newest leader in secondary education talent development, the Newton College and Career Academy.

Scheduled to attend/participate are:

Honorable Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor, State of Georgia

Mark Butler, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Labor

Gretchen Corbin, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Department of Economic Development

### Agenda

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

10:00am—10:30am Registration and Networking

10:30am—11:15am Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle

11:15am—12:15am Opening Remarks and Panel 1 Discussion

The State of Business

Panelists: Mark Butler, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Labor, Roger Harrison, Senior VP Economic Development, Covington/Newton Office of Economic Development, and Gretchen Corbin, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Department of Economic Development

12:15pm—12:30pm Break and Networking

12:30pm—1:45pm—Lunch and Keynote Speaker

Beth Herman, Regional Director, Atlanta Metro Region, Manpower

1:45pm—2:00pm Break and Networking

2:00pm—3:00pm—Tour of Newton College and Career Academy

3:00pm—4:15pm Panel 2 Discussion

What's next-closing the skills gap?

Panelists: Larry Teems, Acting President, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, James Woodard, CEO Newton College and Career Academy, Candy Morris, Human Resource Director, Nisshinbo Automotive and John Zegers, Director, Centers of Innovation for Manufacturing

4:15pm—4:30pm—Questions and Closing Remarks

4:45pm—Cocktail Reception @ Porterdale Mill Lofts

We're ringing the bell

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