



PROMISE ZONE AGENDA

Call In: **1-866-899-4679**

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Web Conference: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/470662109>

Date/Time:

Monday, March 18

1:45 PM to 4:00 PM

1. Welcome & Introductions



GUEST SPEAKERS

2. Ms. Sandi Curd

*Promise Zone Coordinator,
Kentucky Highlands
Promise Zone*

The Kentucky Highlands Promise Zone was the first Promise Zone designated in January 2014. It is nationally recognized as a leader among the Promise Zones. Sandi Curd is the Promise Zone Coordinator, a position created when Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation was named the first and only rural Promise Zone in the nation. Ms. Curd is a Whitley County farmer with 25 years of experience in the fields of health care and agriculture. She is also a consultant to Leadership Tri County and president of the Whitley County Farmers' Market board of directors. Ms. Curd has a bachelor's degree in health sciences from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in health care administration from the University of Minnesota.

3. Mr. Luis M. Rolle

*Field Office Director, HUD,
Florida State Office*

Luis Rolle brings respected leadership and more than 20 years of contracting and logistics experience acquired during his honored military service. As the Miami Field Office Director, Mr. Rolle serves as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, county commissioners, elected representatives, state and local officials, congressional delegations, nonprofit groups, private entities, faith-based groups, other stakeholders and individual Americans. He is responsible for overseeing the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities and individuals, as well as evaluating their efficiency and effectiveness.

Prior to joining HUD, Mr. Rolle was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after more than 20 years of active duty service, for which he received numerous medals and awards, including: The Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; 11 Army Commendation Medals; 3 Army Achievement Medals; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Combat Stars; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Service Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; and Valorous Unit Award.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Transformation of the Promise Zone

- VISTA PROGRAM
- Partners
- Task Forces
- Meetings
- Newsletter
- Priority Projects: What should we focus on?
- Funding Opportunities

5. Rural Economic Development Innovation

- Rural Community/Regional Application
- Actionable Plan