



Agenda



EDA/EDD Connect Webinar: Supporting Economic Development in Southwest Florida

This webinar is designed to illustrate how Southwest Florida communities can work with EDA and the SWFRPC to help them build the capacity for economic development based on local conditions and needs. Best practices, grant funding opportunities and project development ideas will be discussed within the context of locally driven, community-supported approaches to setting the foundations for high-quality job growth and private sector investment.

June 23, 2021, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Participants from Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades Counties

1:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

Speaker: Margaret Wuerstle, SWFRPC

1:10 PM Building Capacity: Outreach & Collaboration

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- SWFRPC – Designated Economic Development District
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- Convening for Economic Development

1:25 PM EDA Grant Funding Opportunities & Considerations

Speaker: Greg Vaday, EDA

- Project Development and Technical Assistance
- Grant Funding Considerations – General Tips and Guidance
- Opportunities for smaller rural projects
- Partnerships, Timing and Economic Impacts

1:45 PM SWFRPC Technical Assistance

Speakers: Margaret Wuerstle and Jim Burch, SWFRPC

- Refining the Economic Development Project – The Role of the RPC
- Disaster Response, Recovery, and Resiliency Program

2:00 PM Around the Region

Speakers: Local Governments, Economic Development Organizations and interested Stakeholders

- Critical Economic Development Issues
- Pressing Economic Development Needs
- Potential Projects

3:00 PM Closing Remarks