

## **Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance Agenda**

Welcome and Arkansas Grown Program – Becky Thompson, Arkansas Economic Development Commission Deputy Director.

How CED has changed Arkansas – Lawrence McCullough, USDA – Rural Development State Director.

What is CED and why is important – U of A, Stacey McCullough, U of A.

Why partnering essential to successful CED? Denisa Pennington, Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

How the Concept of the Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance was generated and Why? Steven Mosher, USDA –Rural Development.

### **Open Discussion Topics**

- 1. Is there a need for the Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance? Justin Ladd, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 2. If so how does it need to be formed Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance? Justin Ladd, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 3. Who do the partners need to be? Steven Mosher, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 4. Does the Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance need to be a committee, a web-based program or something else? Keith Huskey, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 5. Promotional Video / What is AECDA? Keith Huskey, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 6. Who wants to take the lead on the Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance? Gregory Dale, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 7. How often do we need to meet and when, when etc.? Gregory Dale, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 8. Any other items of discussion? Steven Mosher, USDA –Rural Development.**
- 9. Closing comments. Steven Mosher, USDA –Rural Development**