

## **Economic Development Alliance Meeting Agenda**

January 13, 2016 – Cooperative Extension Service Headquarters  
2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock

Presiding – Jean Noble, Director-Grants Management, Arkansas Economic Development Commission

10:00 a.m.            Welcome & introductions

### Alliance updates

- Status of resource guide
- Review of draft form/letter of interest document
- Volunteer to serve as next meeting chair
- Location for next meeting (UACES unavailable)
- Other?

Featured speaker – Frankie Gilliam, Community/Economic Development Specialist, Arkansas State University Delta Center for Economic Development

- Topic: Comprehensive approaches to community and economic development, the case studies of the Iowa Great Places Program (and North Carolina), and HB2002, “an act to create the Arkansas Great Places Program...”

Roundtable discussion of activities, issues & opportunities

12:00 p.m.            Adjourn

Next meeting:        April 13, 2016 – TBD

## **Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance**

### **Who We Are:**

The Arkansas Community Economic Development Alliance is an informal network with representatives from government agencies and organizations supporting Arkansas communities, regions, nonprofits, businesses and other organizations.

### **Alliance Goals:**

1. Provide information and assistance to Arkansas local governments, organizations and businesses about resources available. Initially, this will be achieved through:
  - a. Online resource guide housed on Alliance partners' websites.
  - b. Referrals for partners to groups/individuals with which we are working.
2. Provide networking opportunities for Alliance partners. This will be achieved through:
  - a. Quarterly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of January, April, July and October, 10:00 am-12:00 pm).
  - b. Emergency meetings/conference calls initiated by an Alliance member.

### **Expectation of Active Engagement from Alliance Partners:**

- Commitment from agency or organization to send at least one representative to each quarterly meeting and share relevant information with others in the agency or organization.
- Serve in rotation for presiding over quarterly meetings.