

## Arkansas Community & Economic Development Alliance Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2018 – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service HQ  
2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock  
[www.uaex.edu/aceda](http://www.uaex.edu/aceda)

Presiding Susan Forte, Houseaboutit Community and Economic  
Development Agency

10:00 a.m. Welcome & introductions

Featured speaker

- Wanda Merritt, Little Rock Field Office - U.S.  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
(HUD)

Alliance updates

- Reminder to review your Resource Guide listing and  
send updates as appropriate -  
<http://www.arkansaseconomicregions.org/index.php/97-resource-guide/143>
- Roundtable discussion of activities, projects, issues &  
funding opportunities
- Volunteer to serve as next meeting chair
- Other?

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Next meeting: October 10, 2018, University of Arkansas Cooperative  
Extension Service HQ

## **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.

**Resource Guide:** <http://www.arkansaseconomicregions.org/index.php/97-resource-guide/143>