

# Arkansas Community & Economic Development Alliance Meeting Agenda

July 12, 2017 – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service HQ  
2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock

Presiding – Steve Mosher, Area Director-USDA Rural Development

10:00 a.m. Welcome & introductions

## Featured speakers

- Shane Fletcher, Field Representative-Office of Senator Tom Cotton
- Jim Mitchell, Executive Director-FORGE, Inc.

## Alliance updates

- Resource Guide status report
- Assessment of Funding Needs for Proposed Project status report
- Roundtable discussion of activities, projects, issues & funding opportunities
- Volunteer to serve as next meeting chair
- Date and Location for next meeting
- Other?

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Next meeting: October 11, 2017

## **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.