



# 2020 Columbia Gorge Economic Symposium

November 6, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Virtual

## Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome  
*Jessica Metta, Executive Director, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District*
- 8:40 a.m. Keynote Presentation: Approaches to Resilience and Recovery  
*Anne Kubisch, President, The Ford Family Foundation*
- 9:00 a.m. State and National Economic Trends and COVID-19 Recovery  
*Stephen Lerch, Executive Director, WA State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council*  
*Joshua Lehner, Economist, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis*
- 9:25 a.m. Regional Industry Trends and Forecasts  
*Scott Bailey, Washington Regional Economist*  
*Dallas Fridley, Oregon Regional Economist*
- 9:50 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Panel: Key Industry COVID-19 Adaptations and Opportunities  
*Moderator: Lisa Farquharson, The Dalles Chamber of Commerce*
- *High Tech/Unmanned Systems: Jill Nickerson, Zepher*
  - *Manufacturing/ Fermentation Science: Rudy Kellner, pFriem Family Brewers*
  - *Healthcare: Dennis Knox, Mid-Columbia Medical Center*
  - *Renewable Energy: Nichole Hughes, Renewable Northwest*
  - *Forest/Wood Products: Paul Jones, WyEast Timber Services*
  - *Agriculture: Don Gibson, Mount Adams Fruit Company*
- 10:50 p.m. Closing Remarks  
*Introduction of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update*
- 11:00 a.m. Adjourn

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