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2017-2018 House Rural Development Council August 15-16 Agenda Ellijay/Dalton, Georgia

Infrastructure and Labor

Wednesday, August 16th (Dalton)

Location: Dalton Convention Center; 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd., Dalton GA 30720

- 08:00 – 08:15** Welcome – *Co-Chairs Terry England and Jay Powell*
Introduction of Speaker Ralston
- 08:15 – 08:30** Local Welcome – *Denise Wood, City Councilwoman; Lynn Laughter, Chairwoman Whitfield County Commission; and Rob Bradham, President of the Dalton Chamber of Commerce* (state of local businesses)
- 08:30 – 08:50** Northwest Technical College – *Pete McDonald, President of GNTC*
- 08:50 – 9:10** Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG): Quick Start Program– *Neil Bitting, Assistant Commissioner External Affairs/Facilities Technical College System of Georgia*
- 09:10 – 09:35** Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education – *Matthew Gamble, Executive Director*
- 09:35 – 09:50** Break
- 09:50 – 11:00** Georgia Association of Manufacturers – overview of workforce needs
Roy Bowen, President of Ga. Assoc. of Manufacturers;
Panel of Experts – experience and lessons learned – *Brian Cooksey, Director of Training and Talent Development, Shaw Industries Group;*
Del Land, CFO, Pacesetter Steel Service;
Steve Hollis, Chairman of the Board, Gap Partners;
David Keller, President, E.G.O. North America;

*Mark Whitlock, CEO, Coweta College and Career Academy;
Solutions and Best Practices: Roy Bowen;*

- 11:00 – 11:20** Northwest Ga. Regional Commission: discussing examples of what counties/cities did to promote job growth by doing infrastructure projects –
Executive Director, Lloyd Frasier
- 11:20 – 11:40** Hiring and Retention of workforce: Pilgrim’s Pride Corp., Betty Bishop, HR
- 11:40 – 12:00** Questions for Presenters and Council Discussion cont.
- 12:00** Adjourn

cc.
Speaker David Ralston
Bill Reilly, Clerk of the House
Tim Bearden, Director of Member & Administrative Services
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