Transportation and Forestry

Wednesday, October 25th (Forestry)

Forestry: A Critical Part of Rural Georgia’s Economic Vitality

8:00-8:30 Forestry: Driving Value Back to Rural Georgia’s Economy
   • Andres Villegas, President and CEO, Georgia Forestry Association
   • Chuck Williams, Director, Georgia Forestry Commission

8:30-9:30 Markets Underpin Jobs & Investment
   • Bob Izlar, Director, UGA Center for Forest Business (8:30-8:50)
   • Russell Gentry, Georgia Tech (8:50-9:05)
   • Tim Lowrimore, Interfor (9:05 – 9:15)
   • Clay Bethay, Mill Manager Rayonier Advanced Materials/GPFFPA (9:15 – 9:30)

9:30-9:40 Break

9:40-10:30 Competitiveness
   • Bob Izlar, Director, UGA Center for Forest Business
   • Dr. Joe Conrad, University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
   • WestRock Fernandina and PCA Valdosta examples

10:30 - 11:00 Forest Sector Investment Case Study – Willacoochee, GA
   • Wesley Langdale, President and CEO, The Langdale Company

11:00 - 11:30 A Local Look: Waycross Success Story
   • Barry Parrish, Georgia Biomass, Waycross, GA

11:30-12:00 Council Discussion and Next Meeting Information

12:00 Adjourn