



# Louisiana Rural Economic Development Summit

**July 7-9, 2019**

**Paragon Casino Resort • Marksville, LA**

*Improving life in rural Louisiana while building the next generation entrepreneurial ecosystem by connecting and creating strategic partnerships.*

## TOPICS INCLUDE:

Financial Services • Healthcare • Agriculture  
Entrepreneurship • 5G Expansion & Broadband  
Small Business Opportunities • Workforce Development  
Business Relationships & Opportunities with Tribal Govts.  
Community Development

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

6PM-8PM Chairman's Reception (Tunica-Biloxi Reservation)

### MONDAY, JULY 8

7:30AM-8:30AM Registration  
8:30AM-9:30AM Welcome Breakfast  
8:30AM-4:30PM Summit\*  
4:45PM-5:45PM Networking Reception  
6PM-8PM Dinner

\*Luncheon 11:45AM-1PM Monday & Tuesday

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

8AM-9AM Breakfast  
with special guest speaker  
Governor John Bel Edwards

8AM-4PM Summit\*

Register online at [www.sulc.edu/LaRuE](http://www.sulc.edu/LaRuE)  
Registration Fee: \$100; College Students FREE  
Municipality Scholarships Available

Accommodations:  
Special rate available at Paragon Casino Resort Hotel by calling  
800-946-1946 and mentioning code EDSA23G.

**For more information, please call 318-597-8981.**

## Highlighted Speakers:

**Dr. John Sibley Butler** Management Professor  
*University of Texas at Austin*

**Dr. Ralph D. Christy** Professor of Emerging Markets  
*Cornell University*

**Annetta Abbott** VP of Business Development  
*We The People Consulting*

**Greg Clinton** School of Law Director  
*North Carolina Central University*

**Randall Domingue** Assistant Secretary  
*LA Workforce Commission*

**Leslie Durham** Governor's Designee  
*Delta Regional Authority*

**Tony Gobert** Horticulture Department  
*Gwinnett Technical College*

**Jason Green** SkillSmart

**Ron Henderson** Deputy Commissioner  
*LA Dept. of Insurance Office of Consumer Advocacy*

**Steven Horsford** U.S. Representative  
*Nevada 4th Congressional District*

**Harold Langford** Professor of Business Administration  
*LSU Alexandria*

**Jo Ann Lawrence** LA District Deputy Director  
*U.S. Small Business Association*

**Dr. Louis Mancuso** Managing Partner  
*The Q Marketing Group, LLC*

**Clair Marceaux** Harbor and Terminal District Director  
*Cameron Parish Port*

**Marshall Pierite** Chairman  
*Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana*

**Bill Rodier** Executive Director  
*St. Landry Economic Development*

**Rod Teamer** Director, Diversity Programs & Bus. Dev.  
*Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana*

**Dr. Bhaskar Toodi** LA Department of Health

**Heather Urena**  
*Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning & Development District*

**Bailey Walker**  
Director of Tribal Relations *Tribal Diagnostics, LLC*  
President *American Indian Chamber of Commerce of OK*

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