**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH**

**7-9.30 pm** Welcome Dinner & Reception  
The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden (Alex Camp House)

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH**

**8.15 am** Breakfast & registration

**9.00 am** Welcome Remarks from Conway & Team Texas

**9.15 am** The State of the States  
An introduction and overview discussion of the state of the States. Speakers include economists, academics, and site selection consultants from each state represented.

Moderator: **Andy Serwer** (invited)  
*Editor in Chief, Yahoo Finance*

Panelists:  
- **Josh Bays**  
  *Principal, Site Selection Group, LLC*
- **Mark Watson** (invited)  
  *CEO, Argo Group US*  
  *(2016 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® Transformational CEO Award for Central Texas Region)*

**1.45 pm** Powering Tomorrow  
How marrying traditional energy sectors with renewables and new energy tech are vital to powering tomorrow's economies. This session will also look at the challenges of the changing oil economy.

Introduction: **Iain Vasey**  
*President/CEO, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation*

Moderator: **Dr. Ray Perryman**  
*President/CEO, The Perryman Group*

Panelists:  
- **Alissa Oppenheimer**  
  *Managing Director, Chamisa Energy*
- **Jessica Pair**  
  *Manager, Upstream, Stratas Advisors – a Hart Energy Company*
- **Brad Stutzman**  
  *CEO, O3 Energy Solutions*
- **David Dismukes**  
  *Professor and Executive Director, Center for Energy Studies, LSU College of the Coast and Environment*

**10.30 am** Networking coffee break

**11.00 am** Right to Succeed  
How integrated workforce development programs and right-to-work legislation ensure sustainability.

Moderator: **Susan Arledge**  
*Managing Director, E Smith Realty Partners*

Panelists:  
- **Debra Lyons**  
  *Senior Director, Center for Workforce Advancement ACT*
- **Deborah Carter**  
  *Senior Manager, Rackspace Open Cloud Academy*
- **Tom F. Gray**  
  *Economic Development Consultant, Grand River Dam Authority*

**3.00 pm** Networking break

**3.20 pm** Innovation is Prosperity  
**Keynote: Rebecca Ryan**  
*Futurist*

**4.30 pm** Developing the Future Fortune 500s  
A panel of senior executives from SMEs who will speak frankly about what support they look for governments and economic development agencies to grow their businesses.

Moderator: **Rebecca Ryan**  
*Futurist*

Panelists:  
- **Ingrid Miller**  
  *COO, Rural Sourcing, Inc*
- **Erik Huddleston**  
  *CEO, Trendkite*
- **Bill Ogle**  
  *CEO, Koupon Media*
- **Lauren Thompson Miller**  
  *Chief Executive Officer, A-76 Technologies*

**12.15 pm** Email break  
Catch up on email, check Facebook, tweet about morning sessions.

**12.30 pm** Lunch & Networking

**EVENT HOSTS**

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**TUESDAY  SEPTEMBER 13TH**

**8.15 am** Breakfast & registration

**9.00 am** Beam Me Up  
Why the Aviation Aerospace Industries Will Continue to Soar.  
Panel will feature a mix of executives from domestic and foreign companies developing the technologies and supply-chains for these cutting-edge industries.

*Panelists*
- **Ali Velshi**  
Global Affairs & Economic Analyst
- **Jeff Davis**  
  Founding Partner *Acorn Growth Companies*
- **Ed Lundeen**  
  Executive Vice President, Business Operations *One Aviation*
- **John W. Brown**  
  CEO *Silent Falcon™ UAS Technologies*
- **Thierry Derrien**  
  President *Safran Electronics & Defense (ex Sagem Avionics) - a Safran company*

**Moderator**  
Ali Velshi  
Global Affairs & Economic Analyst

**10.10 am** Networking break

**10.40 am** The Next 25 years  
A panel of experts predict which sectors and industries will flourish in the coming quarter century and where we should be concentrating our efforts for investment attraction and economic growth.

*Panelists*
- **Larry Hurtado**  
CEO *Digital Defense, Inc.*
- **Tugce Ergul** (invited)  
CEO *Angel Labs*
- **Carolyn Rodz**  
  Founder *The Circular Board*
- **Juan Gomez** (invited)  
  Ph.D., P.E., Interim Institute Director and Associate Professor of Research, *Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute*

**Moderator**  
Ali Velshi  
Global Affairs & Economic Analyst

**11.40 am** Keynote address from a noted economist on why America will continue to be the world’s premier FDI destination.

**12.00 pm** Open Borders  
The Foreign Direct Investment Imperative  
Speakers from a mix of international companies who are based in Texas and surrounding states

*Moderator*  
Andreas Dressler  
Managing Director *Conway Advisory*

**1.00 pm** Lunch & Networking

**2.00 pm** Workshop on Marketing for Foreign Companies  
*Keynote*  
Shirar O’Connor  
Principal *Conway PR & Marketing*

**2.30 pm** Urban Revitalization and the Global Perception of Cities  
Session will look at the imperative of developing a vibrant city center, including a great restaurant scene, to create the perfect life-work balance critical to attracting top talent.

*Panelists*
- **Ken McCarthy**  
  Principal Economist, Applied Research Lead *Cushman & Wakefield*
- **Lacy Beasley**  
  President and COO *Retail Strategies, LLC*
- **Ron Drake**  
  CEO *Ron Drake Consulting, LLC*
- **Christiana McFarland** (invited)  
  Research Director *National League of Cities*
- **Minoli Ratnatunga**  
  AD Regional Economics Research *Milken Institute*

**3.30 pm** Networking break

**4.00 pm** Consultants Roundtable  
*Moderator*  
Steve Weitzner  
Principal *Silverlode Consulting*

*Panelists*
- **Alison Benton**  
  CEcD/President *Aliquantus Consulting*

**6-9pm** Fun networking activities with food & drinks at Gilley’s Dallas (The Lonestar Room)

**WEDNESDAY  SEPTEMBER 14TH**

**8.15 am** Breakfast & registration

**9.00 am** The Future of the Great States  
Keynote from an economist who will make predictions about the future for America’s most dynamic economies including Texas and the surrounding states.

*Introduction*  
Lorie Vincent  
CEcD, Executive Director *Team Texas*

*Keynote*  
Dr. Lowell Catlett  
Futurist

**10.30 am** Closing Remarks

**12.00 pm** Site Tours including luncheon TBC