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# Centralina Economic Development Commission

Agenda

July 16, 2009

Centralina Council of Governments

Conference Room

4:00-6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Action: Approval of Minutes
3. Around the Region
4. Presentation : Dr. Steve Patterson, Director,

Energy Production and Infrastructure Center  
UNC Charlotte

Overcoming the nation's energy crisis will take a collaborative effort. With a great wealth of energy industry talent in the Charlotte area, the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center at UNC-Charlotte is uniting students, faculty and industry partners to do just that.

"EPIC is about regional growth and advancement in the energy industry," said Dr. Steve Patterson, director of EPIC and a distinguished professor in the Lee College of Engineering. "Clearly one strength of EPIC is the outstanding energy engineering assets of the region in which we live."

Regional energy corporations include AREVA, Duke Energy, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), The Shaw Group, URS Washington Group, Westinghouse, Siemens and Metso Power.

5. Discussion of Renewable Energy: How does the Centralina Region participate?

- a. Is the workforce ready?
- b. What is the projected demand for training?
- c. What kinds of companies can we expect to have in the region?
- d. What are the site considerations that these companies look for?
- e. What public policies do we need
- f. What kind of incentives

*Action: Approve the development of a project and seek funding for analysis to predict the renewable energy industry in the region and workforce assessment.*

*The analysis would, hopefully, be completed by Angelou Economics based on a model they have developed for Texas which shows site considerations, workforce needs, public policy concerns, and growth trends for renewable energy industries. We could apply to EDA for some planning funds and need to raise about \$80,000 in match.*

6. Update on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - Status Report
7. CEDC Meetings  
October 15, 2009
8. Adjourn

*Centralina Economic Development Commission, housed in the Centralina Council of Governments, is a 501c3 organization serving the greater Charlotte region and supporting the key activities proposed in the Centralina Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The strategy outlines an approach to regional growth and prosperity that builds on the region's strengths, emphasizes key regional industry clusters, and prioritizes economic development projects. The Commission is supported by the Board of County Commissioners in nine North Carolina counties (Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union) and by the Cities of Charlotte, Concord, and Gastonia and the Town of Mooresville.*