

# BIG SKY, BRIGHT FUTURE ECONOMIC SUMMIT BOZEMAN, MT

## Wednesday, June 19—Bourbon

5:00 pm—7:00 pm      **Opening Reception**

## Thursday, June 20—Hilton Garden Inn Bozeman

7:30 am—8:15 am      Continental Breakfast | Networking

8:15 am—8:25 am      **Welcome**  
Nancy Schlepp, MT Chamber of Commerce | Chair of the Board

8:25 am—9:00 am      **Partnerships to Grow the Big Sky Economy**  
Jason Small, AFL-CIO | Executive Secretary  
Susie Hedalen, Townsend Public Schools | Superintendent  
Adam Gilbertson, RDO | Sr. VP of Field Technology & Innovation  
*Moderator:* Paul Hopfauf, MDU Resources | Director of Strategy Planning & Growth

9:00 am—9:30 am      **Establishing Roots: New Business Recruits**  
Jeff Goldalian, 360 Electric | Owner  
Lee Rhodes, glassybaby | Owner  
Michael Merino, Olympus Arms | President  
*Moderator:* Paul Green, MT Department of Commerce | Director

9:30 am—9:45 am      **Branching Out: Targeted Business Recruitment**  
Frederick Van Den Abbeel, MT Department of Commerce | Business Attraction Mgr

9:45 am—10:00 am      **Networking Break**

10:00 am—10:15 am      **Fireside Chat: Work Culture & Leadership**  
Secretary Christi Jacobsen, MT Secretary of State  
Todd O'Hair, MT Chamber of Commerce | President & CEO

10:15 am—10:45 am      **Fireside Chat: The Montana Comeback**  
Governor Greg Gianforte  
Todd O'Hair, MT Chamber of Commerce | President & CEO

10:45 am—11:15 am      **Using Technology to Advance Manufacturing**  
Stephen Johnson, MarkRite Lines Equipment/Highmark Traffic Services Inc | General Mgr  
Seth Berglee, Shield Arms | Founding Partner  
Paddy Fleming, MT Manufacturing Extension Center | Director  
*Moderator:* Rich White, Boeing | Government Relations Manager



- 11:15 am—11:45 am **Childcare Solutions to Attract & Keep Talent**  
Tony Rosanova, Zoot Enterprises | President & CTO  
*Moderator:* Sheridan Johnson, MT Chamber of Commerce | Govt Relations Specialist
- 11:45 am—12:15 pm **The Montana Miracle: Housing Supply Progress**  
Brodey Simkins, Simkins-Hallin, Inc. | Vice-President  
Bryan Beauchamp, Beauchamp Development Group | Owner  
Daniel Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce | Business Advocacy Director  
*Moderator:* Chris Dorrington, MT Department of Environmental Quality | Director
- 12:15 pm—1:15 pm **Lunch | Networking**
- 1:15 pm—1:30 pm **Powering Growth in Montana**  
Nancy Murray, BHE Montana | President
- 1:30 pm—2:00 pm **If you Build It, They Will Come**  
Brian Sprenger, Bozeman Airport Authority | Gallatin Field Airport Director  
French Thompson, BNSF Railway | General Director Public Investment  
*Moderator:* Bridger Mahlum, BroadbandMT | General Manager
- 2:00 pm—2:30 pm **Imagination, Passion, Success: Montana's Entrepreneurial Spirit**  
Chris Nelson, Zoot Enterprises, Inc. | Founder & CEO  
Sarah Calhoun, Red Ants Pants | Owner  
James Easton, MT Chamber Foundation | Workforce Strategist  
*Moderator:* Todd O'Hair, MT Chamber of Commerce | President & CEO
- 2:30 pm—3:00 pm **Networking Break**
- 3:00 pm—3:20 pm **Montana Global Positioning: Photonics & Sensors Leader**  
Jason Yager, Montana Photonics & Quantum Alliance | Executive Director  
Stefan Heinemann, PHIX, Inc. | General Manager  
John Suh, Founder | New Horizons Studio
- 3:20 pm—3:35 pm **Fireside Chat: Montana's Energy Future**  
Brian Bird, NorthWestern Energy | President & COO  
Todd O'Hair, MT Chamber of Commerce | President & CEO
- 3:35 pm—3:45 pm **Concluding Remarks**

