



Workshops

Several pre-conference workshops will be offered on Monday, March 22; please note that you will need to register for each one even if there is no extra charge to attend.

- 9:30 am – 12 pm ***Mobile Workshop: Respond and Re-build: EDA Investments Make a Difference***
The group will tour two EDA investments in the Philadelphia area. Starting with the Respond Workforce Development Center in Camden, N.J., they will learn about the organization's approach to provide auto mechanics and culinary arts training in a distressed community. The group will then travel to the Philadelphia Navy Yard to learn about the joint EDA/OEA initiative to rebuild the former Navy yard into a "vibrant, mixed-use" site for businesses and residences, complete with LEED certified buildings. **(\$30 additional fee; limited to 30 attendees)**
- 2 – 5 pm ***University Centers***
The conference planners have carved out time for university center representatives to share ideas and exchange information about their approaches to local and regional economic development.
- 2 – 3:30 pm ***Know Your Region: Federal Economic Development Data/Tapping into Valuable Existing Resource and Information***
This highly interactive session will provide examples of existing data that can be used for comprehensive community and economic development planning.
- 2 – 3:30 pm ***EDA 101***
EDA Philadelphia staff will provide an overview of current EDA programs; session is aimed at those interested in learning how to apply for funds while also serving as a "refresher" for current grantees and partners.