Assessing the Midwest Workforce: Strategies for Developing the Region's Human Capital

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8:30am-8:45am	***Welcome***
8:45am-9:15am	***The changing economic landscape of the Midwest economy—workforce issues and challenges*** Presenter: *William Testa,* FRB, Chicago
9:15am-10:00am	***Assessing the quality of the region's workforce*** Presenters: *Daniel Sullivan*, FRB, Chicago *Daniel Aaronson,* FRB, Chicago
10:00am-10:15am	***Break***
10:15am-11:30am	***Issues and strategies for improving the Midwest workforce—Part 1*** a. immigration policy—*Barry Chiswick,* UIC b. opportunities for the inmate population—*Kristin Butcher*, FRB, Chicago c. Fighting Brain drain—*Yolanda Kodrzycki,* FRB, Boston
11:30-12:00pm	***Keynote: Workforce opportunities for low-skilled workers—a Midwest perspective*** *Rebecca Blank,* Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
12:00-1:15pm	***Lunch***
1:30pm–4:00pm	***Issues and strategies for improving the Midwest workforce—Part 2*** a. workforce opportunities in an old/industrial/rural area—lessons from Central Illinois—*Richard Judy,* Discovery Institute b. urban/suburban spatial mismatch—*Dan McMillen,* UIC c. methods for better matching the unemployed with employers *Kelly DeRango,* Upjohn Institute d. improving prospects for displaced workers—*Bob LaLonde,* University of Chicago
4:00pm	**Adjourn**