

The Summit

The Labor Economy Summit brings together business managers, labor leaders, government officials, educators, and economic development officials in support of labor management collaboration in Northeast Ohio.

According to economic development officials, "Our biggest concern in Northeast Ohio is that new, potential businesses have moved on because of a negative perception of "labor". This perception of labor/management relations suppresses competitiveness in Ohio.

Northeast Ohio's Network for Labor Management Cooperation (NeON) specializes in labor/management communication improvement programs. These trainings contribute to improved working environments, increased productivity, and employment opportunities.

This summit will assist in dispelling the negative myths of labor and convey a more accurate story of how the Northeast Ohio workforce is both competitive and collaborative.



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8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

Joseph E. Cole Center
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
3100 CHESTER AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115

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NORTHEAST OHIO
NETWORK FOR
LABOR & MANAGEMENT
COOPERATION

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Why attend this Summit?

- ★ Local Northeast Ohio business leaders and labor union officials should attend this summit together to see what other progressive organizations are doing to stay competitive.
- ★ Economic development specialists will learn how essential labor management collaboration is in attracting and retaining business in Northeast Ohio.
- ★ Government leaders will learn new ways to support workforce development and draw skilled professionals in organized industries and agencies.
- ★ The media will receive labor information and understand its role in economic development.

Benefits

The conference will provide attendees with valuable information explaining why labor/management collaboration efforts are working so well in local organizations.

Examples of teamwork to improve quality, productivity and innovation will be reviewed. Ideas of how to keep the region competitive while maintaining a good standard of living in the future will be discussed by all attendees.

Summit Planning Team

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Topics

Need for Labor in Economic Development

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Dispelling Old Myths of Labor

*Steve Weitzner, Silverlode Consulting
 Dr. Jack Kleinhenz, Economist*

How Can Ohio Stay Competitive?

Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor

Labor-Management Testimonials

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Manufacturing & USW

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Public Sector Organizations & Unions

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Construction & Building Trades

What Do We Mean By World Class?

John Brandt, CEO, MPI

Future Challenges and Opportunities for Northeast Ohio

*Amy Hanauer, Executive Director
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Break-Out Discussion / Q & A

NeON Facilitators

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Registration Form

Please complete and return form to:

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YES, I/We am/are interested in the *Labor Economy Summit.*

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Program fee (50.00 per person, lunch included) will be paid as indicated:

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If you prefer not to place your credit card on this form you may call Meghan Salkin, at 216-687-4750 to register.

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