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**Southeast Minnesota Economic Summit Brings Leaders Together to Discuss Regional Economy**

**WHAT** Southeast Minnesota Economic Summit

**WHEN** Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-12:00pm

**WHERE** Rochester International Event Center, 7333 Airport View Dr. SW, Rochester, MN 55902

**WHO IS INVITED** This event is open to the public; however, attendees must register in advance

With [Journey to Growth \(J2G\)](#) and [Destination Medical Center \(DMC\)](#) well under way and reaching important milestones, [Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce](#) are once again bringing together leaders from across Southeast Minnesota to examine what is expected for our economy in 2017.

This event will feature an economic keynote from Brigid Tuck, Senior Economic Impact Analyst for the University of Minnesota's Center for Community Vitality. A panel of economic experts moderated by Cris Gastner, Senior Vice President, Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) include Greg Evans, Regional President of Merchants Bank, Kelly Domaille, Real Estate Broker Associate with Keller Williams Premier Realty, Perry Aasness, Executive Director of Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, and Eric Miller, Director of Human Resources with Crenlo, LLC who will discuss the economic outlook from their unique perspectives. A separate panel of innovators moderated by Traci Downs, Area 10 Labs, Cafe Steam and Collider will also weigh in. The panel will include Vicky Vogt, Founder and Owner of Four Daughters Vineyard & Winery, Tim Marshall, Founder and Owner of Enlightened Equipment, and Jim Wendorff, Vice President, Human Resources of Viracon.

There will also be a keynote feature and interview from ABC 6 News Anchor Betsy Singer with Gail Dennison, Director of Development and Public Relations with Hormel Institute and Dr. Eric Wieben, Director of the Mayo Clinic's Medical Genome Facility and Co-director of the Clinomics Program within the Center for Individualized Medicine at Mayo Clinic. Both represent their organizations with the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Medical Genomics.

This public event is expected to draw an audience of more than 400 Southeast Minnesota business and government leaders so secure your spot today. The cost of this event is \$30 for members of any regional chamber and community members. Those interested in registering and finding out more about the Summit can visit the Chamber's website: <http://www.rochestermnchamber.com/events/details/southeast-minnesota-economic-summit-1513935>

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