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SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA REGIONAL HOUSING SUMMIT WILL BRING REGIONAL LEADERS TOGETHER TO TACKLE WORKFORCE HOUSING ISSUES

WHAT [SE MN Workforce Housing Summit](#)

WHEN Monday, May 15th from 7:30am-12:00pm

WHERE Rochester International Event Center, 7333 Airport View Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902

WHO IS INVITED Open to Chamber members and non-members for \$15 per person. Registration required. Please contact the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce at 507-288-1122 for more information, or visit

<http://bit.ly/WFHousing>.

With the Southeast Minnesota economy poised for explosive growth, developing, attracting and retaining workforce is more important than ever. Equally important is ensuring that our communities have adequate and affordable housing to meet the needs of these workers. "It is paramount for our region to meet the housing needs of current and incoming workforce to support our regional efforts to develop, attract, and retain talent in Southeastern Minnesota. The Destination Medical Center Initiative alone will generate tens of thousands of new jobs. The workforce needed to fill those jobs will require a myriad of housing options," said Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce President Rob Miller.

The Southeast Minnesota Workforce Housing Summit – a collaboration of regional chambers, [Southeast Minnesota Together](#), [Journey to Growth](#), [the Rochester Area Foundation](#), and [SE MN Association of Realtors](#) – will bring together panels to discuss the challenges of finding, building and financing workforce housing. Attendees from across the region will also have the opportunity to work in small groups to identify the challenges and solutions to addressing the issues in their community.

7:30 - 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:50am	Impacts of the Lack of Housing that is Affordable
8:50 - 9:40am	Obstacles to Building Workforce Housing
9:40 - 10:40am	Solutions for Workforce Housing
10:40 - 11:00am	Unpacking the Tool Kit
11:00am - 12:00pm	Individual Community Breakouts
12:00pm	Adjourn

Register online at www.RochesterMNChamber.com or by calling 507-288-1122.

SPONSORS Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Destination Medical Center EDA, Jaguar Communications, and Southeast Minnesota Association of Realtors.

The Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization representing more than 1,500 businesses throughout Southeast Minnesota. The Chamber provides networking, marketing, public advocacy and educational opportunities to its membership, and works to represent the business community on economic and governmental issues. The Chamber's mission is "to lead, inform, advocate and advance business interests for members, and to promote a healthy community and a growing economy." More information can be found at www.rochestermnchamber.com