



36th Annual Users' Conference

"Progress and Prosperity: Guiding Policy through Uncharted Waters"



October 20-22, 2021

Sirata Beach Resort
5300 Gulf Blvd.
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Tuesday, October 19

Group Dinner – *Compass Grille, Sirata Beach Resort*
All guests will meet at the restaurant on the resort campus

06:00pm

Wednesday, October 20

Registration and Continental Breakfast

08:00am – 09:00am

Day One Opening Remarks

09:00am – 09:30am

A New Frontier of Innovation in Economic Modeling

09:30am – 10:50am

Networking Break

10:50am – 11:10am

The New Normal: Education and Workforce Development Post-pandemic

11:10am – 12:30pm

Lunch Break

12:30pm – 02:00pm

Socioeconomic Indicators (SEI) in Regional Economic Development

02:00pm – 03:00pm

Adjournment

03:00pm

Conference Excursion – *Starlite Cruise*

04:45pm

Thursday, October 21

Continental Breakfast

08:00am – 09:00am

Day Two Opening Remarks

09:00am – 09:20am

Keynote Address – Mayor Alan Johnson, *St. Pete Beach, Florida*

09:20am – 10:00am

Beyond the Horizon: Assessing Macroeconomic Effects of Policy

10:00am – 11:10am

Networking Break

11:10am – 11:30am

Impacts of Energy and Environmental Policy on Regional Economies

11:30am – 1:00pm

Lunch Break

1:00pm – 02:30pm

The Intersection of Transit, Taxation, and Infrastructure

02:30pm – 03:30pm

Looking Ahead to 2022: Improving Economic Modeling through Research & Development

3:30pm – 04:30pm

Adjournment

04:30pm

Conference Reception - *Sirata Beach Resort, North Deck*

06:00 pm

Friday, October 22

Continental Breakfast

08:00am – 09:00am

Day Three Opening Remarks

09:00am – 09:10am

Users' Roundtable

9:10am – 10:10am

Final Remarks & Location for the 2022 Users' Conference Vote

10:10am – 10:30am

Adjournment

10:30am

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

- 8:00am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am **Day One Opening Remarks**
 Frederick Treyz, Ph.D., CEO & Chief Economist, REMI
- 9:30am **A New Frontier of Innovation in Economic Modeling**
 May Lin, Analyst, Economics, REMI
 Jeffrey Dykes, Analyst, REMI
 Wei Kang, Regional Economist, REMI
- 10:50am Networking Break
- 11:10am **The New Normal: Education and Workforce Development Post-pandemic**
 Donald Grimes, Senior Area Specialist, University of Michigan
 Yolunda Nabors, Lecturer, Tennessee Technological University
 Haozheyi Guan, Analyst, REMI
- 12:30pm Lunch Break
 Hosted at Caddy's St. Pete Beach, a hometown favorite of St. Pete Beach!
- 2:00pm **Socioeconomic Indicators (SEI) in Regional Economic Development**
 Katy Koon, Analyst, Business Development, REMI
- 3:00pm Adjournment
- 4:45pm **Conference Excursion – Starlite Cruise**
 Meet in Lobby at 4:45pm. Bus will leave at 5:00pm and will return to lobby at 9:30pm

Thursday, October 21, 2021

- 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am **Day Two Opening Remarks**
Frederick Treyz, Ph.D., *CEO & Chief Economist*, REMI
- 9:20am **Keynote Address**
Mayor Alan Johnson, *St. Pete Beach, Florida*
- 10:00am **Beyond the Horizon: Assessing Macroeconomic Effects of Policy**
Peter Evangelakis, Ph.D., *Vice President of Economics & Consulting*, REMI
Stanley McMillen, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics and Consultant*,
University of Connecticut
Richard Weisskoff, *Professor*, University of Miami
- 11:10pm Networking Break
- 11:30am **Impacts of Energy and Environmental Policy on Regional Economies**
Scott Nystrom, *Senior Director*, FTI Consulting
Luis Nieves-Ruiz, *Economic Development Manager*, East Central Florida Regional
Planning Council
Stanley McMillen, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics and Consultant*,
University of Connecticut
Jim Robey, *Principal*, Robey Analytics, LLC.
- 1:00pm Lunch Break
Hosted at Buona Ristorante, a gem of homemade Italian cuisine!
- 2:30pm **The Intersection of Transit, Taxation, and Infrastructure**
Guyesha Blackshear, *Analyst, Business Development*, REMI
Xiaochu Ma, *Analyst, Economics*, REMI
- 3:30pm **Looking Ahead to 2022: Improving Economic Modeling Through Research and Development**
Jerry Hayes, *Vice President of Research & Development*, REMI
Li Liu, *Analyst*, REMI
- 4:30pm Adjournment
- 6:00pm **Users' Conference Reception** – *Sirata Beach Resort, North Deck*



Friday, October 22, 2021

- 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am **Day Three Opening Remarks**
 Frederick Treyz, Ph.D., CEO & Chief Economist, REMI
- 9:10am **Users' Roundtable Discussion**
 REMI Staff and Users
- 10:10am **Final Remarks**
 Vote on the Location for the 2022 Users' Conference
 Led by Scott Nystrom, Senior Director, FTI Consulting
- 10:30am Final Adjournment