

# Call for Abstracts

## Research Workshop on

### Expanding Opportunities Through Economic Development and Workforce Development Initiatives

Co-Hosted and co-sponsored by the Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity at the  
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

and by the

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research  
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The purpose of this workshop is to bring together a select group of researchers to share their current unpublished research on issues related to economic development and workforce development. The workshop is designed so that researchers can meet others doing similar work, receive comments from distinguished scholars in the field, and explore possible journal outlets for their work, including the peer-reviewed *Economic Development Quarterly*. A relatively small number of papers will be selected so that plenty of time is available for presentations and comments. Selected authors are expected to present draft, unpublished papers at the workshop, with copies made available to participants.

The workshop will be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and lodging and meals for one author of each paper will be provided to those selected. Attendees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses. Those selected to present their research should be prepared to stay for the entire workshop, which begins with a dinner on Sunday evening, May 20, and adjourns around noon on Tuesday, May 22.

Discussants will be selected from prominent university faculty and research staff members from the Federal Reserve System. In addition, representatives from the editorial team of *Economic Development Quarterly* will participate at the event.

#### **This workshop seeks papers along three tracks of study:**

1. **Understanding the Effectiveness of Economic Development Strategies:** The effectiveness of economic development strategies and incentives has been evaluated using different metrics of success and with various methodologies. This workshop calls for papers that advance new metrics of success and rigorous methodologies of evaluation, some of which may be more in line with rigorous evaluations of workforce development programs.
2. **Changing Economies and Labor Markets:** Increasingly rapid changes in technology have affected the demand for work, the structure of the employer-employee relationship, the nature of work, and consequently the type of industrial and economic development occurring in many communities, resulting in significant changes in economic mobility, levels of income and wealth inequality, and opportunities in the labor market. The workshop organizers seek papers that

explore these changes at the regional level and examine how they may differ across regions and their impact on the economic future of regional economies.

3. **The Link between Economic Development, Workforce Development, and Antipoverty Efforts:** Economic development, workforce development, community development, and antipoverty policies are typically distinct research fields, but highly interrelated in practice. The workshop organizers seek papers that explore the complementarity of approaches and indirect benefits of these four policy areas.

Please send abstract submissions of no more than 500 words to: Claudette Robey, [robey@upjohn.org](mailto:robey@upjohn.org), Managing Editor of *Economic Development Quarterly*, the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. **Abstract submissions must be received no later than March 15, 2018.** Notices of invitation to present will be sent out by April 2.

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