



- 8:00 am **Registration, Breakfast, and Expo Networking**
- 8:15 am **Welcoming Remarks**
 - Nicole Ryf, Office of the Governor
 - EMCEE - Pete Garcia, U.S. - Mexico Chamber of Commerce
- 8:25 am **Business Development and Growth**
 - Moderator - David Margrave, BioNumerik Pharmaceuticals Inc.
 - Steve K. Lawrence, University of Houston SBDC
 - Nini Gutierrez, BakerRipley
 - Thomas Nguyen, PeliPeli
 - Miguel Gutierrez, SCORE

Networking Break
- 9:30 am **Business Resources and Sustainability**
 - Moderator - Betty Russo, Office of the Governor
 - Jenny DuFresne, DuFresne Solutions Group
 - Ashea Jones, Lone Star Legal Aid
 - Gabrielle Rodgerson, Automatic Data Processing, Inc.
 - Sherman Smith, Texas Workforce Commission Tax Office

Networking Break
- 10:30 am **Marketing and Social Media Engagement**
 - Moderator - Angel Curet, SCORE
 - JeNae Clark Johnson, Digital Business Content
 - Ravi Brahmabhatt, Houston Community College
 - Jeffrey Jones, SCORE
 - Franka Baly, Franka Baly Media

Networking Break
- 11:30 am **Funding and Finance Opportunities**
 - Moderator - Charles Capers, University of Houston
 - C.T. Baur College SBDC
 - Richard Gianni, LiftFund
 - Tassjania Lozano, PeopleFund
 - Elias Hernandez, Spirit of Texas Bank
 - Nataly Mojica, Accion
- 12:15 pm *Lunch*
- 12:30 pm **Workforce Solution Opportunities**
 - Michael Gutierrez, Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast
- 12:45 pm **Skills for Small Businesses Grant**
 - Kim Hunziker, Texas Workforce Commission
- 1:00 pm **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Laura G. Murillo, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- 1:30 pm **Governor's Small Business Awards and Closing Remarks**
 - Office of the Governor
 - Texas Workforce Commission