



2016 Columbia City Regional Conference

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome**

Mayor Ryan Daniel, Columbia City

9:15 **OCRA Introduction**

Ashlee Fiandaca, OCRA Northeast Community Liaison

9:30 **Program Updates and Overview**

Geoff Schomacker, OCRA Deputy Director

Agency overview and updates on programs including Main Street Indiana, Community Readiness, Hometown Collaboration and Stellar Communities.

10:00 **What does OCRA look for in competitive grant applications?**

Heather Presley-Cowen, High Performance Government Network

Matt Crouch, OCRA Senior Project Manager

Colette Childress, OCRA Project Manager

Aletha Dunston, OCRA CDBG Program Manager

This panel, facilitated by Heather Presley-Cowen from High Performance Government Network, paired with a question and answer session, will provide attendees with insights and information that can lead to more competitive grant and program applications.

10:30 **Networking Break**

10:45 **Community Performance Indicators (CPI)**

Bill Konyha, OCRA Executive Director

Matt Crouch, OCRA Senior Project Manager

Jennifer Vandeburg, OCRA North Central Community Liaison

Learn about ways to use data to understand your community's performance. This will be both instructional and hands on and will result in an understanding of the data and how it relates to your community.

11:30 **Keynote Address**

Indiana Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb

12:00 **Lunch**

12:45 **Whitley County Bicentennial**
Russ Gilliom, Whitley County Bicentennial Coordinator

An update on the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in Whitley County.

1:00 **Indiana Rural Health**
Ally Orwig, Indiana Rural Health Association Program Coordinator

Learn about opportunities for rural communities to promote and enhance health and wellness through collaboration, promotion and prevention. Highlighted programs include the Indiana Telehealth Network, Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center and the Indiana Rural Workforce Innovation Network as well as how to engage other rural health resources.

1:45 **Networking Break**

2:00 **Historic Renovation Grant Program**
Colette Childress, OCRA Project Manager

A million dollar grant opportunity replacing the Indiana Historic Tax Credit to enhance Hoosier historic structures.

2:15 **Listening Session**

This open forum is an opportunity to share your thoughts with OCRA about community economic development in smaller cities and towns. How might OCRA be an even better partner and resource to your community?

3:00 **Adjourn**