

Registration Open for Innovate Michigan! Summit on September 6

Sharing, Learning, and Creating Innovative Ideas for Michigan's Economic Future

Conference brings together economic experts and professionals working on the front lines of economic development at local and regional levels throughout Michigan

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LANSING, Mich. – The popular and dynamic Innovate Michigan! Summit returns for a seventh year on Thursday, September 6 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the East Lansing campus of Michigan State University, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Economic developers, entrepreneurs, business and community leaders, investors, scholars, students, and local and state government officials are invited to attend, where they will share, learn, and create unique and innovative approaches aimed at furthering economic growth in Michigan. The Innovate Michigan! Summit event features presentations on emerging economic development tools, models, policies, programs, and practices, along with community-university projects from around the state. Participants will also have the opportunity to prioritize topics and ideas for future activities.



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The annual event continues the work of the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED) and the MSU EDA University Center for Regional Economic Innovation (REI); funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, REI is growing a statewide virtual network to help generate new tools, models, policies, and practices that will improve the state's economic future. Learn more about REI-supported projects [here](#).

Attendees are invited and encouraged to join the Michigan Inventors Coalition (MIC) directly following the conclusion of the 2018 Innovate Michigan! Summit, where inventors will showcase their products, and participate in the Spin, Pitch & Sell contest to further advance their inventions.

The Summit organizers will host a networking reception at the end of the day.

More information and registration for the Summit is available at REI's website, <https://reicenter.org/events/innovate-michigan-summit-2018>.

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*NOTE: Rex LaMore will be available for comment and interviews at alternative times if media contacts are unable to attend the event.