



Celebrating Rural Georgia



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Dear Community Leaders,

Please join Governor Nathan Deal and many of your colleagues and friends from across the state in Tifton on Wednesday, October 12th for a day of **CELEBRATING RURAL GEORGIA**. We will celebrate our past successes, fast forward to a discussion of future opportunities and end with a facilitated discussion on the **FUTURE OF RURAL GEORGIA!**

This special event will be held at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus Conference Center with a networking opportunity from 9 AM until 10 AM followed by an official conference kick-off and welcome led by DCA Commissioner Mike Beatty.

Regular registration of \$25.00 covers a networking breakfast on Wednesday, buffet lunch on Wednesday and all concurrent sessions. To encourage communities to expand and strengthen local partnerships, team discounts of \$20 per participant are available to all entities sending three or more individuals as a team!

Please visit the online registration site at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/external/tccc/calendar.html> today and sign up to attend this important one-day event. We look forward to seeing you in Tifton.

Sincerely,

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9:00 - 10:00 AM	Registration and Networking	(Light Refreshments available)
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Welcome & Introduction	Commissioner Mike Beatty
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Georgia's Rural Future	Governor Nathan Deal
10:45 – 11:00	OneGeorgia FY2011 Awards	Nancy Cobb
11:00 to 12:00 PM	Celebrating our Successes	Best Practices Highlights*
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Guest Speaker Commissioner Gary Black, Dept. of Agriculture	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	<u>Leadership Panel on Rural Georgia</u> Commissioner Chris Cummiskey (invited) Commissioner Mike Beatty Commissioner Gary Black (invited) Commissioner Mark Butler	
2:00 – 2:15	Break	
2:15 to 3:00 PM	The Future of Rural Georgia	Facilitated by CVIOG
3:00 PM	Adjourn	

*Best practices highlights

Agricultural Innovation • Broadband Connectivity • Downtown Revitalization
Regional Tourism • Agribusiness