

# 2019 VA/TN/NC MFG Town Hall

1pm – 7 pm, May 2 | Bristol, TN



## AGENDA



### Bristol Motor Speedway

#### O. Bruton Smith Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Banquet Room

- 1:00-1:15PM:** **Welcome & Introductions**  
*Greg "Chipper" Harvey, VP of Corporate Sales, Bristol Motor Speedway*
- 1:15-1:30PM:** **VA MFG Competitiveness Index**  
*Brett Vassey, President & CEO, Virginia Manufacturers Association*
- 1:30-1:50PM:** **Workforce Solutions – Closing the Skills Gaps by 2020**  
*Dr. Victor Gray, Executive Director, Manufacturing Skills Institute*
- 1:50-2:20PM:** **Bristol Chamber of Commerce –Visioning Bristol 2040**  
*Beth Rhinehart, President & CEO*
- 2:20-2:35PM:** **VITAL: Resources for Expanding International Trade \$8B by 2025**  
*Diane Thomas, International Trade Manager – Southwest Region, Virginia Economic Development Partnership*
- 2:35-3:05PM:** **Tennessee Manufacturers Association**  
*Denise Rice, Director, Tennessee Manufacturers Association*
- 3:15-4:15PM:** **VA/TN/NC Regional Priorities Roundtable:**
- I-81 Tolling, Taxes and Improvements
  - Casinos and Tourism
  - Manufacturing Jobs and Economic Growth
- Special Guests: Martin Kent & Jasen Eige, United Co., Heather Hill, Pinnacle*
- 4:15-4:45PM:** **VA/TN/NC Legislative Panel**
- 4:45-5:00PM:** **Closing Remarks**  
*Brett Vassey, President & CEO, VMA*
- 5:00-7:00PM:** **Tour / Networking Reception at the Bristol Club Suite**

