



# IAEOZ SUMMIT

**INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE & ENERGY OPPORTUNITY ZONE SUMMIT 2020**

## **Event Agenda**

October 19-21, 2020

October 19, 2020

9:00 AM: **Welcoming Remarks – Summit Purpose & Mission** [& Sponsor Recognition]

9:15 AM: **Keynote Address**

9:45 AM: **STEM / STEAM Initiatives – Equity, Access & Inclusion - I**

- Equity, Inclusion & Advancement of Minorities in Agriculture & Energy Sectors
- Govt. Agency Agro & Energy STEM/STEAM Programs – DOE ‘Equity in Energy’, DOE-MBDA MOU, USDA-DOE MOU, Hispanics in Energy, National Black Growers Council, etc.

10:45 AM: **STEM / STEAM Initiatives – Equity, Access & Inclusion - II**

- Additional Agency Programs - DOE/Nat’l Labs, DOC/NIST, SBA, NSF, DOI, USAID, FDA, DoD

11:45 AM: Break – Networking in Virtual Exhibit Hall

12:15 PM: **Precision Farming & Enhanced Productivity – Innovative Technologies - I**

- Digital Tech in Farming – AI in Agriculture, Blockchain Applications
- Satellites & UAVs
- Biofuels & Waste-to-Energy

1:15 PM: **Precision Farming & Enhanced Productivity – Innovative Technologies - II**

- Solar & Wind Powering Agriculture
- Electric-driven Farm Machinery
- Plant Science, Fertilization, Irrigation

2:15 PM: Break – Networking in Virtual Exhibit Hall

2:45 PM: **Keynote Address**

3:15 PM: **Infrastructure, Storage & Transport Factors**

- Food Security & Safety
- Food Conveyance & Delivery
- Opportunity Zone Agro-Infrastructure Investment

4:15 PM: **USA Manufacturing Initiatives**

- Agribusiness Manufacturing Opportunities
- Data-Driven Outcomes – Agriculture & OZ's

5:15 **Day 1 Concluding Remarks** [& Sponsor Recognition]

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October 20, 2020

9:00 AM: **Welcoming Remarks – Summit Purpose & Mission Re-cap** [& Sponsor Recognition]

9:15 AM: **Rural Opportunity Zones – Investment & Capacity-Building - I**

- Community Development Needs & Opportunities – ‘Whole-of-Community’ Approach – Agribusiness, Energy & Transport, Manufacture & Services, Retail, Hospitality, Tourism, Housing, Academia
- HBCUs – Historical Achievements – Critical Needs – Future Promise

10:15 AM: **Keynote Address**

11:00 AM: **Rural Opportunity Zones – Investment & Capacity-Building – II**

- Poverty, Prosperity & OZ Job Creation
- Corporate Impact Investment in OZ's & HBCUs

12:00 PM: Break – Networking in Virtual Exhibit Hall

12:15 PM: **Rural Opportunity Zones – Investment & Capacity-Building – III**

- NGO & Foundation Programs/Initiatives
- Public-Private Partnerships (P3's/Funding)
- Military-Community Partnerships

1:15 PM: **HBCU's & Minority Businesses in Opportunity Zones – Capacity Building - I**

- Govt. Research Grants – Proposal Capability, IP Protection
- Govt. Contracting Training/Opportunities
- Corporate Tech Collaboration, Internships

2:15 PM: Break – Networking in Virtual Exhibit Hall

2:45 PM: **HBCU's & Minority Businesses in Opportunity Zones – Capacity Building - II**

- Technical Assistance – Farm Teaching Model
- Entrepreneurship Training for the Minority Business Community
- Online Training & Instruction

3:45 PM: **HBCU's & Minority Businesses in Opportunity Zones – Capacity Building - III**

- Media Attention & Public Communication
- International Export Opportunities & Resources for Farming Products/Services

4:30 PM: **Challenges to Growth – & Opportunities**

- COVID-19 Impact on Key Economic Sectors
- The Factor of Leadership and the OZ Initiative

5:15 PM: **Day 2 Concluding Remarks** [& Sponsor Recognition]