



**Governor's Public Higher Education Conference**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2012**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**State Museum Auditorium**

- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m.**      **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Ted Pitts, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office*  
*Governor Nikki R. Haley*
- 10:20 – 10:30 a.m.**      **Status of Higher Education Funding**  
*Ken Wingate, Immediate Past Chairman of the SC Commission on Higher Education*
- 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.**      **"Funding, Regulatory Relief, and Resources for Higher Education"**  
*Moderator: Ken Wingate, Immediate Past Chairman of the SC Commission on Higher Education*  
*Senator John Courson, President Pro Tempore, SC Senate, Chairman of Education Committee*  
*Senator John Matthews, Member, SC Senate Finance and Education Committees*  
*Representative Brian White, Chairman, SC House Ways and Means Committee*  
*Representative Chip Limehouse, Subcommittee Chairman, SC House Ways and Means Higher Ed*  
*Dr. Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina*  
*Dr. Fred Carter, President, Francis Marion University*  
*Dr. Mary Thornley, President, Trident Technical College*  
*Anne Neal, President, American Council of Trustees and Alumni*
- 12:00 p.m.**                **Lunch**
- 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**      **Keynote Address: "The Boeing Chapter, South Carolina"**  
*Introduction by Governor Nikki R. Haley*  
*Jack Jones, Vice President and General Manager of Boeing, South Carolina*
- 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.**        **"Jobs for the Future: Successes and Challenges"**  
*Secretary Bobby Hitt, South Carolina Department of Commerce*
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**      **"South Carolina's Workforce: Meeting the Challenges of the Future"**  
*Moderator: Secretary Bobby Hitt, South Carolina Department of Commerce*  
*Senator Thomas Alexander, Chairman, SC Senate General Committee, Member of Finance and LCI*  
*Representative Phil Owens, Chairman, SC House Education and Public Works Committee*  
*Ambassador David Wilkins, Chairman, Clemson University Board of Trustees*  
*Susan Pretulak, Vice President, Economic Development and Workforce Competitiveness; readySC*  
*Lewis Gossett, President and CEO, SC Manufacturers Alliance*  
*Werner Eikenbusch, Manager Apprenticeship & Associate Training, BMW Manufacturing Co.*  
*Jim Reynolds, Immediate Past Chairman, SC Chamber of Commerce, CEO, Total Comfort Solutions*  
*Steve Burry, Employee Relations Project Manager, Michelin North America*
- 3:00 p.m.**                **Closing**

*\*Please note the agenda is subject to change.*