

We're In This Together



October 13 – 15, 2020

MEDA Virtual Fall Conference

The MEDA Fall Conference is designed to bring you maximum information with minimum Zoom fatigue. You may register for all three segments of content and pop in and out as you choose. You will not want to miss the MEDA 2020 Awards, candidate forums, Tell Us Something, legislative strategy time, MEDA Ignite, and breakout groups.

Cost: \$40 [Payment Link](#) Payment does not register you for the conference.

[Register Here to be emailed the Zoom Link](#) Note: Pre-registration is required.

October 13, 2020

<p>8:15am – 9:00am</p> 	<p>Welcome by MEDA President Brian Obert. MEDA 2020 Impact Awards facilitated by Brett Doney. Anthony J. Preite Champion of Economic Development Award presented by Brian Obert, with a special message from Tony Preite. <i>Awards Ignite!</i> Each 2020 Award Winner has 3 minutes to share the elements of their MEDA award winning story.</p>
<p>9:00am – 10:00am</p>	<p>Tell Us Something with Marc Moss. Introduced by Russ Fletcher. Learn the impact and importance of storytelling and how it can make a difference with your work in economic and community development. This introduction will no doubt convince you to sign up for MEDA Professional Development workshops with Marc following the conference. A special event will be held November 6th for the stories to be shared.</p> 
<p>10:00am – 10:30am</p>	<p>Confirmed: Gubernatorial Candidate Mike Cooney responds to MEDA questions regarding Montana’s economic development.</p>
<p>10:30am – 11:00am</p>	<p>Awards Q & A: MEDA 2020 Award Winners will answer your questions regarding their projects and provide follow-up information behind their success stories.</p>

October 14, 2020

<p>8:00am – 8:30am</p>	<p>Confirmed: Senator Steve Daines responds to MEDA questions regarding Montana’s economic development.</p>
<p>8:30am – 9:00am</p>	<p>Confirmed: Gubernatorial Candidate Greg Gianforte responds to MEDA questions regarding Montana’s economic development.</p>

9:00am – 10:00am	<p>Montana Next Generation of Community and Economic Development Tools Moderator, introduction to the project, report and process by Steve Arveschoug, Big Sky EDA. Panelists Invited: Todd O’Hair, Montana Chamber; Brit Fontenot, City of Bozeman; Tracy McIntyre, MCDC; Nicole Borner, MACo; Terry Brockie, Island Mountain Development and Jim Atchison, SEMDC. Hear their takeaways, observations, and priorities from the Next Gen report.</p>	
10:00am – 10:30am	Membership Q & A with the panel on the MT Next Generation Report	
10:30am – 11:00am	<i>Virtual Ignite!</i> : Be prepared; your name might be drawn for a 3 minute update on your economic development efforts, program, or project. Be “in the zoom room” this half hour and be prepared to share. Joe Willauer, Facilitator	
11:00am – 11:30am	Confirmed: House Candidate Matt Rosendale responds to MEDA questions regarding Montana’s economic development.	
11:30am - 12:00pm	Confirmed: House Candidate Kathleen Williams responds to MEDA questions regarding Montana’s economic development.	

October 15, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am	MEDA Legislative Strategy and Agenda – Rick Edwards, Legislative Committee Chair No doubt the 2021 Montana Legislative Session will hold unique challenges. Join in the MEDA legislative conversation to prepare options for Montana’s immediate and future economic development needs.
9:00am – 9:30am	Confirmed: Senate Candidate Steve Bullock responds to MEDA questions regarding Montana’s economic development.
9:30am – 10:00am	Breakout Topics – Next Gen (Steve Arveschoug), Broadband (Tracy McIntyre), MT Rail (David Strohmaier, Andrea Olsen), Workforce (Brian Obert), Value Added Ag (Sarah Converse), Community Reviews, ReImagine Rural Tools (Lorie Higgins and Tara Mastel)
10:00am – 10:30am	Wrapping it all up – We’re In This Together! Brian Obert, MEDA President

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