

# **DRAFT AGENDA**

**2025 MEDA Annual Conference**

**April 27 – April 29, 2025**

**Hyatt Regency, Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, Maryland**

**THEME: Maryland's North Star: Regions Coming Together**

## **CONFERENCE SPONSORS**

*Maryland Department of Commerce*

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We will explore collaboration across Maryland's regions, highlighting ways to strengthen regional partnerships, leverage collective resources, and develop innovative strategies that benefit the state as a whole.

### **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**10:30 AM – 3:00 PM DISPLAY TABLE SET UP**

**10:30 AM – 3:00 PM MAIN STREET TOUR: Salisbury**

**Sponsored by:** Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development

**11:30 AM – 4:30 PM MEDA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – shotgun start at 11:45 AM**

**Sponsored by:** Baltimore Gas and Electric

**Co-Chairs:** Chris Moyer & Randy Baynes

**4:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS in Chesapeake Foyer**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM WELCOME EARLY BIRD RECEPTION**

Celebrate and welcome the members who have joined in the past year. Open to all Full and Sunday Conference registrants.

**6:00 – 8:00 PM WELCOME TO THE EASTERN SHORE NETWORKING DINNER**

### **Monday, April 28, 2024**

**8:00 – 8:30 AM OPENING BREAKFAST/MEDA MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM MEDA MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK**

**10:15 – 11:15 AM TEDTalk-style PRESENTATIONS: REGIONAL INDUSTRIES**

**11:15 – 11:30 AM BREAK**

**11:30 – 12:15 PM PANEL: UTILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL IMPACTS ON GROWTH**

**12:15 – 2:00 PM LUNCHEON AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

**Speaker:** Anirban Basu

**Sponsor:** MEDCO

**2:15 – 3:30 PM CABINET SECRETARIES PANEL/ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**3:30 – 5:30 PM BREAK - Network and visit with display vendors**

**5:30 – 6:15 PM BANQUET RECEPTION**

**6:15 – 8:15 PM MEDA ANNUAL BANQUET**

**8:15 – 9:00 PM The 2025 MEDA Annual Awards**

**Sponsored by:** Miles & Stockbridge P.C.

**9:00 – 9:30 PM RECEPTION**

**9:30 PM SILENT AUCTION ENDS**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

**8:30 – 9:30 AM OPENING BREAKFAST AND KEYNOTE**

**9:30 – 9:45 AM BREAK**

**9:45 – 10:45 AM IGNITE PRESENTATIONS: REGIONAL INITIATIVES**

**10:45 – 11:00 AM BREAK**

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CLOSING KEYNOTES**

**12:00 PM ADJOURNMENT & DRAWING** Closing comments by our board president

**Post-Conference Activity**

**12:30 – 2 PM MEDA Young Leaders Packing House Tour** (separate registration is required)

“This event is recognized by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) as a professional development event that counts toward the recertification of Certified Economic Developers (CEcD).”

