

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development  
USDA Rural Development  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
Upper Cumberland Development District

June 5, 2013

Greetings,

There will be an Upper Cumberland regional economic development meeting held on June 20, 2013 in the upstairs conference room of the Leslie Town Center in Cookeville, TN. The meeting will be from 9:00-11:00am. We are asking that each county and city mayor attend and to also bring their community's economic development individual or team. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together the local communities and the regional resources of TN Department of Economic and Community Development, USDA Rural Development, Tennessee Valley Authority and the Upper Cumberland Development District to discuss resources and strategies available to each community.

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome
2. Economic data / Trends in the Upper Cumberland
3. What sets some communities apart? What are they doing right that we are not?
4. The components of economic development
  - a. What direction do we need to go?
5. Funding opportunities and resources available
6. Explanation of detailed meetings to come in the future

Employees of Upper Cumberland Development District will be contacting each of you to determine how many from each community will be attending.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Smith – Regional Director, TN Department of Economic and Community Development

Jerry Jolly – Area Director, USDA Rural Development

Bess Rickman – Regional Development Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority

Mark Farley – Executive Director, Upper Cumberland Development District