



CALL FOR 2017 CONFERENCE PAPERS

EDA's Annual General Meeting & Professional Conference attracts over 400 local, national and international experts in the field of economic development and elected officials from various parts of our province. Delegates are provided with updates on economic development issues and trends, best practices, inspiring keynote addresses and valuable networking opportunities. In addition, Alberta's Minister responsible for economic development is invited to deliver a keynote address during the Minister's Dinner & Awards Ceremony.

Each year we look for speakers to address a wide variety of current economic development issues. If you have a hot, relevant topic you would like to present and feel that your subject will be of interest to our audience, we would like to hear from you. Whether you are associated with academia, government or the private sector, we invite you to submit your presentation proposal for consideration.

If you would like to be considered as a speaker for the EDA 2017 Conference, submit your proposal to admin@edaalberta.ca **no later than November 15, 2016**. Please note that we will be accepting quality submissions as they are received, so all spaces may be filled prior to that date. Get your submissions in ASAP. All concurrent sessions are approximately 60 minutes in duration.

Presentation proposals must contain the following information:

1. Presentation Title
2. Presentation Abstract (maximum 250 words)
3. Presentation Outline (provide bullet points of what is to be covered)
4. Name of person/people presenting, including bios for each presenter
5. Explain what you hope attendees will gain from the presentation
6. Provide reasons why your topic should be presented at EDA 2017, specifically how it fits into the overall 2017 conference theme "Embracing Change. Creating Opportunity.". Also include which of the following concurrent streams it would fit into: leadership/personal development; BIA/BRE or CED; general economic development; or a participatory session.
7. Advise if a demonstration will be provided and, if so, provide details of any special equipment needed to support your presentation or demonstration (e.g. multiple screens)
8. Information on any audience participation requirements
9. Please include any attachments (ppt, pdf etc) with your submission.

In addition, please provide the following contact information with your proposal:

- Your Name
- Your Title and Organization
- Your Email Address Your Phone Number

Please note: We do not pay speakers. We do not entertain presentations focused on selling products or services. Our conference is meant to be a professional development opportunity, not a corporate advertisement. We aim to incorporate different speakers each year, and rarely profile the same panellist twice.

Submission Deadline: November 15, 2016