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Preliminary Program, 42nd Annual Meeting, July 10, 2012

*****Exact times and locations are tentative and will be confirmed as soon as possible*****

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Coffee Reception
U.S. Capitol Building (*Room TBA*)

8:00 a.m.

Welcome by Association President Dennis Hertel
Chamber of the House of Representatives

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

Presentation of the 42nd Distinguished Service Award
Chamber of the House of Representatives

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

Presentation of the 42nd Annual Report to Congress
Chamber of the House of Representatives

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Media Q&A Session: Members of the media discuss today's political climate
HVC-200, Capitol Visitors Center

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon at George Washington University

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Future Job Market: How America Can Remain Competitive in a Global Economy

The goal of this three-hour mini-conference is not only to educate participants on the status and direction of the economy, the job market, and unemployment, but to host an informed, intergenerational dialogue on how Congressional policy can create jobs and position America to keep its competitive edge in an increasingly global economy.

*****Over, please*****

The conference will convene with introductions and a short presentation with facts and statistics to jumpstart productive conversations. After initial remarks, the audience will split into small working groups consisting of former Members, students, and experts in a variety of fields (for example, education, manufacturing, globalization, economics, green energy, etc.). The experts will then lead their working group through an interactive discussion on what the issues are and what policies can help shape a healthy economic future. The conference will conclude with short reports from each table on what they discussed and what solutions they propose.

5:30 p.m.

Document Viewing and Dinner in the Archivist's Room

The National Archives

7:30 p.m.

Panel Presentation: *America Works: The Past, Present, and Future of Job Creation and Unemployment in America*

McGowan Theater at the National Archives

(Please enter through the Special Events entrance at 7th and Constitution Ave.)

This panel will use American history as a medium to explore the future of our evolving jobs market and how past transitional periods have affected America's position in a global economy. By comparing and contrasting current challenges to past events (e.g., the Great Depression, the advent of "Reganomics," or past recessions), the panelists will evaluate the scope, severity, and solutions up for debate that have historically succeed or failed.