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## Deck to Speak at Economic Update Breakfast Aug. 24



Kathy Deck, Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, will be the speaker Wednesday, Aug. 24, in the Economic Update Breakfast Series at North Arkansas College. The event, sponsored by Centurion Financial Services and Porterfield Killingsworth CPA, will be held in the L.E. "Gene" Durand Center at Northark's Center Campus in Harrison.

"I'm looking forward to Kathy Deck's comments about the economic outlook in Northwest Arkansas, and we appreciate the sponsorship of Ken Savells, Tom Porterfield and their colleagues in bringing her here," said North Arkansas College President Jackie Elliott. "Northark enjoys hosting this series, which is intended to keep local business leaders up-to-date on the overall economic conditions for the area."

Breakfast will be served starting at 7 a.m. in the Durand Center. The program starts at 7:30. Tickets are available at \$10 each by contacting Amy Bell, Northark's director of community education, at (870) 391-3160.

This is the third time Deck has been a speaker in the series, which she debuted in 2009. Other presenters have included Dr. Gene Huang, Chief Economist and a Vice President at FedEx, and Dr. Michael R. Pakko, Chief Economist and State Economic Forecaster at the Institute for Economic Advancement at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Deck earned a B.A. in economics from the College of William and Mary and a M.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before joining the Center for Business and Economic Research, she was the antitrust economist for the Arizona Attorney General. Her research interests include local economic development, industry market structure, and education and health care economics.

Future events in the Economic Update Breakfast Series are planned for the winter and late summer of 2012.

