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## Register Here for 2nd Economic Issues Breakfast Series

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The Arkansas Economic Issues Breakfast Series will be held statewide at several locations from 7-9:15 a.m. on March 17.

This is the second event of its kind in Arkansas, and it will focus on Arkansas' infrastructure. A panel of speakers will address some of the issues, followed by local discussion sessions.

You can register for the event at [ArkansasBusiness.com/IssuesBreakfast](http://ArkansasBusiness.com/IssuesBreakfast).

Topics will include:

- What are the goals and priorities for maintaining and building highways and bridges in Arkansas? How do we pay for it?
- What is the status of Federal stimulus spending (ARRA) on Arkansas infrastructure projects?
- How can we improve high-tech infrastructure around the state? What are our options for improving high-speed internet connectivity?

The event will link people from across Arkansas via video conferencing and provides an interactive setting for learning about the latest economic trends that affect businesses in Arkansas. The video conference will be hosted simultaneously at venues in seven locations across the state.

The panel discussion participants will include:

- Jim McKenzie, Executive Director of Metroplan and a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance (Chair, New Revenue Subcommittee)
- Michelle Stockman, Broadband Entrepreneurship Program Director at Arkansas Capital and Vice President of Connect Arkansas
- Another presenter to be announced

The program will also include a brief economic update report by Kathy Deck (Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville) and Michael Pakko (Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock).

The cost is \$20. Reservations for any of the seven locations can be made [Here](#).

The Arkansas Economic Issues Breakfast Series, which is sponsored by Arkansas Business, is coordinated by the Institute for Economic Advancement at UALR in cooperation with the CBER in the Walton College at Fayetteville, the College of Business at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, the Delta Center for Economic Development at ASU, the Economic Research & Development Center at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Southern Arkansas University.

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