

Futures Summit: Shaping Tomorrow's Workforce & Economy

Date: Nov. 18, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: The Prizery, 700 Bruce St, South Boston, VA 24592

Teaser Description:

Join us for the *Futures Summit*, a dynamic half-day event bringing together thought leaders, data experts, and workforce innovators to explore the future of business, employment, and economic development. At the *Futures Summit*, data meets strategy. Dive into regional labor market trends, explore the impact of AI on business, and learn how collaborative workforce models like Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) and youth apprenticeship are driving results.

Featuring keynote speaker Paul Carney of ishtot, a data-driven presentation by Chmura on living wages and manufacturing job availability, and a collaborative showcase from Region 3 completers of the US Chamber Foundation's TPM Academy, this is a must-attend event for employers, educators, policymakers, and community leaders.

Event Agenda

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Registration & Networking

- Check-in and connect with fellow attendees
- Light refreshments available

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Overview of the day's purpose and flow

10:05 AM – 10:10 AM

Introduction to Session 1

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM

Session 1: Living Wage & Manufacturing Job Availability Study

- Presented by Chmura

- Explore regional data and insights into regional workforce trends
 - Q&A Session (15 min)
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11:10 AM – 11:15 AM

Introduction to Session 2

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Session 2: TPM Academy Summary & Group Presentation

- Highlights from the US Chamber Foundation's Talent Pipeline Management Academy
 - Local participants share group presentation and next steps
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11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Buffet Lunch Line Opens

- Attendees invited to begin lunch service
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12:00 PM – 12:05 PM

Introduction to Keynote Session

12:05 PM – 1:05 PM

Keynote Luncheon: Paul Carney, ishtot

Topic: *How AI is Changing Modern Business*

- A compelling look at how artificial intelligence is reshaping industries, operations, and workforce needs
 - Q&A Session (15 min)
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1:05 PM – 1:30 PM

Session 3: Promising Practice – Youth Apprenticeship

- A spotlight on successful models and strategies for engaging youth in apprenticeship pathways
- Presented by Natori Neal

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Closing Session & Data Collection

- Facilitated discussion around promising regional talent pipeline practices and data ground-truthing
- Opportunities for collaboration and next steps
- Final remarks and acknowledgments