



Education & Productivity:
A 21st Century Workforce Conference

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Sponsors:



- 8:00 **Welcome**
Theo Eicher, *Robert R. Richards Distinguished Scholar, University of Washington, Director, Economic Policy Research Center*
David Hodge, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington*
- 8:05 **Information Technology and Productivity in the New Economy**
Kevin Stiroh, *Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York*
- 8:45 **The Localization of Innovative Activity**
Giovanni Peri, *Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis*
- 9:30 **Break**
- 10:00 **Keynote: Global Competition and the Next Washington**
Christine Gregoire, *Governor, Washington State*
Introduction: William H. Gates Sr., *Director Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*
- 10:30 **The Impact of Good Educational Public Policy & School Quality**
Eric Hanushek, *Paul & Jean Hanna Senior Fellow, Stanford University*
- 11:15 **The New Economy Workforce: Meeting Industry Demand with Higher Education Reforms in Washington State**
Thomas Bailey, *George and Abby O'Neill Professor of Economics & Education, Columbia University, Director, Institute on Education & the Economy, Columbia University's Teachers College*
- 12:00 **Keynote: Education and Economic Competitiveness**
Brad Smith, *Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Law & Corporate Affairs, Microsoft*
Introduction: David Hodge, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington*
- 12:20 **Panel Discussion: A Comprehensive 21st Century Education Agenda for Washington State**
Moderator: Judith Runstad, *Attorney, Foster Pepper & Shefelman PLLC and Co-Chair of the Washington State Competitiveness Council*
Panelists: Thomas Bailey, Eric Hanushek, Ed Lazowska, Brad Smith
- 1:00 Lunch Buffet