

AlabamaGermany Partnership Business Forum

**"Alabama Business & Economic Outlook 2010"**

Auburn Hotel and Conference Center

February 18, 2010

7:30-8:00 Breakfast

8:00-8:05 Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Jim Schmalz, AGP Board member and Vice President, International Corporate Banking at Fifth Third Bank

8:05-8:15 Introductions by Moderator Dr. Dan Gropper, Associate Dean in the Colleges of Business and Liberal Arts, Auburn University

8:15-8:30 National/Regional Economic Outlook by Mr. Julius Weyman, Vice President and Regional Executive, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

8:30-8:45 Exchange and Interest Rate Outlook by Mr. Thomas Epple, Derivatives Specialist, Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg New York Office

8:45-9:00 Alabama Economic Outlook by Dr. Keivan Deravi, Interim Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Auburn University Montgomery

9:00-9:30 Panel Discussion, Q&A I, Moderated by Dr. Dan Gropper

9:30-10:00 Break and Networking

10:00-10:15 Alabama Automotive Industry Outlook by Ron Davis, Plant Manager, ZF Lemforder Corporation and President, AAMA

10:15-10:30 Economic Development, The Appeal of Alabama in 2010 by Steve Sewell, Executive Vice President, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama

10:30-11:00 Panel Discussion, Q&A II, Moderated by Dr. Dan Gropper

11:00 Concluding Remarks and Adjourn

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