

SESSION 1. REGIONAL ISSUES AND TRENDS: AN INTRODUCTION TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010

LOCATION: Conference Center, 4 Landmark Square, Stamford, CT

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Self-Introductions**
Tanya Court, The Business Council of Fairfield County
- 8:45 a.m. **Regional Issues and Trends: An Introduction to Fairfield County**
Christopher Bruhl, President and CEO, The Business Council of Fairfield County
- 9:45 a.m. **About The Business Council of Fairfield County and Leadership Fairfield County**
Chris Bruhl, The Business Council of Fairfield County
Tanya Court, The Business Council of Fairfield County
- 10:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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Expected Outcomes:

1. Program participants will have a basic overview of the critical issues and trends facing Fairfield County and the State of Connecticut.
2. Additionally, this session is designed to orient the participant to the Leadership Fairfield County program and expectations, the Business Council of Fairfield County and its approach to developing public policy recommendations, and developing and using networks to further career and business goals.

Resource materials:

- Class Roster
- Session 1 Agenda with Directions
- Leadership Fairfield County Schedule
- Regional Issues and Trends presentation
http://www.businessfairfield.com/webpdf/Presentation_final.pdf

Faculty:

Christopher Bruhl, President and CEO, The Business Council of Fairfield County

Chris Bruhl joined The Business Council of Fairfield County in May 1990. Mr. Bruhl serves on a variety of boards, including The Connecticut Television Network, The (CT) Governor's Council on Competitiveness, Stamford Achieves, the Stamford Partnership, and the American Chamber of Commerce Executives. Mr. Bruhl is a member of the Steering Committee of the Connecticut Regional Institute for the 21st Century, the Board of Advisors of The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, and the national U.S. Chamber of Commerce Transportation Infrastructure and Logistics Council. He had served as chairman of the private Coastal Corridor Coalition and the public Southwestern Corridor Action Council, which addressed the issue of regional highway congestion. He is a former director of the Connecticut Business for Education Coalition, the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, the Norwalk Community College Foundation, and the Stamford Hospital Health Foundation and was a member of the Connecticut Commission on Educational Excellence.

Mr. Bruhl has been a frequent consultant, writer, and speaker on the subject of economic development and non-profit management, with particular interests in community planning, institution building, and the relationship between educational quality and economic competitiveness. He is a contributing author to two books and was, for four years, the director of a national training program for non-profit board and staff, conducted in affiliation with faculty from Yale University. Mr. Bruhl holds a BA, in American Civilization, from Brown University, an MA, in English, from Louisiana State University, and an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business.