## **Calendar of Events** April 16, 2025 Webinar: Harnessing AI Tools for Smarter Economic Development Strategies 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST Artificial intelligence is transforming how communities attract investment, support local businesses, and enhance economic development strategies. This session will explore how AI tools can streamline marketing, analyze data for better decision-making, and improve stakeholder engagement. Learn real-world applications of AI, from automating content creation to enhancing community storytelling, and discover best practices for integrating AI into your economic development strategy. Attendees will walk away with actionable insights to leverage AI for stronger, more competitive communities. Registration Fees: BCEDA Member - \$25.00 Non Member - \$50.00 Unsure of your membership status? Please email info@bceda.ca May 12, 2025 2025 BC Economic Summit Penticton Trade and Convention Centre - May 15, 2025 273 Power Street Penticton, Br V2A 7K9 01:00 PM - 10:00 PM PST Ashleigh Volcz, 6047957119 ashleigh@bceda.ca Save the date for the 2025 BC Economic Summit at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. October 19, 2025 2025 Economic Development Leadership Learning Exchange (formerly Western Ec Dev Cours - October 22, 2025 **Courtyard Hotel** 900 Brunswick Street Prince George, BC 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM PST Join us for an immersive four-day course designed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge in economic development leadership, integral to achieving the new BCEDA CEDP.BC Certification. This comprehensive program will delve into a range of key economic development activities vital for fostering thriving communities. BCEDA Member: \$795.00 + GST Non-Member: \$895.00 + GST \*Potential funding may be available through the BC Employer Training Grant The Ec Dev Leadership Learning Exchange is scheduled to start at 8:30am PST on Sunday, October 19th and wrap up by 4:30pm PST on Wednesday, October 22nd.