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Innovate Michigan! Summit 2020 Registration Open

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Are you working on the front lines of local and regional economic development in Michigan?

The annual Innovate Michigan! Summit on September 3-4, hosted by the MSU EDA Regional Economic Innovation University Center, offers one of the most popular and dynamic annual gatherings designed to address emerging economic development issues and innovations that impact economically distressed communities across Michigan.

The Summit will be held online this year due to coronavirus, and the event presents a unique opportunity to discuss how the pandemic has impacted Michigan's economic landscape, along with sharing and learning innovative approaches to economic development and revitalization.

Three sessions will engage participants in a dialogue around inequities present in communities and in economic development practice, and brings together economic development professionals, business leaders, community stakeholders, elected officials, academic experts, and students.



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[Session 1](#)

Thursday, September 3

9 am – 12 noon

Broadband, community benefits agreements, autonomous vehicles, message from U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-Mich)

[Session 2](#)

Thursday, September 3

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Community capital investing, youth entrepreneurship in Flint

[Session 3](#)

Friday, September 4

10 am – 12 noon

Paying for infrastructure, food bank supply chains, message from U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich)

[Register now](#), or visit REI's [website](#) for more information. Questions can be directed to Jennifer Bruen, bruenjen@msu.edu

NOTE: The REI University Center has been in operation since 2011. Funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, and under the direction of the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development, the REI efforts have produced a statewide virtual network of more than a thousand individuals from the public and private sectors. They work together to generate innovative tools, models, policies, and practices to improve the state's economy. Learn more about REI-supported projects [here](#).