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Armchair Chat:
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The Honorable Steve Bullock, Governor, Montana
The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor, Pennsylvania
Moderator: Martin Simon, Interim Director, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, Economic Opportunity Division

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Workforce of the Future: Positioning State Economies for Success

The Honorable Steve Bullock, Governor, Montana
The Honorable Boyd Rutherford, Lieutenant Governor, Maryland
John McElligott, CEO, York Exponential

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Workforce of the Future: Positioning State Economies for Success

Small Group Discussion Questions

- What would need to be different for states to be nimbler and more adaptable to future trends?
- What are the elements of a successful strategy in this area?
- What do governors need to know to act in this area?
Second Acts: Reskilling Mid-Career Workers

Eva Sage-Gavin, Senior Managing Director, Talent and Organization, Accenture
Second Acts: Reskilling Mid-Career Workers

Small Group Discussion Questions
- How can states better meet the needs of mid-career workers?
- What are the elements of a successful strategy in this area?
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Rural Resurgence: Empowering the Rural Workforce

Stephen Goetz, Director, USDA Northeast Regional Center

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NGA Regional Leadership Workshop: 
*Rural Trends, Issues and Opportunities in the Northeast U.S.*

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The Pennsylvania State University

September 12-13, 2018, Pittsburgh, PA

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Four Key Mega-Trends affecting rural areas, OECD 2018

- Population aging and migration
- Urbanization (agglomeration)
- Global shifts in production
- Technological Breakthroughs

Population aging and migration
Widespread Non-metro population loss in the Eastern U.S.

- Rural workers drawn into cities: push and pull factors
- Leaves behind an aging population

Population change, 2010-17

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
Different industries dominate in different counties...

Recreation is important in northern New England, Great Lakes, especially. Also Western U.S., Alaska

Source: USDA Economic Research Service using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis
Population Change depends on Dominant Industry

Note: County types are described in the ERS County Typology Codes data product: http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/county-typology-codes.aspx
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Population pyramid, the Northeast

Age cohorts:
- 85+
- 80-84
- 75-59
- 70-74
- 65-69
- 60-64
- 55-59
- 50-54
- 45-49
- 40-44
- 35-39
- 30-34
- 25-29
- 20-24
- 15-19
- 10-14
- 5-9
- 0-4

Boombers

Data source: U.S. Census, Population and Housing Unit Estimates
Age cohorts vs. pop density, NE counties

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Older (65+) population

- Not enough young workers to provide care
- Medical care…
  - 50% of primary care visits online in California
  - Medicines via drones
  - Robots as care givers

Data source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2012-2016
• Foreign-born hold many entry level jobs, in agric., manufacturing, construction
• But they are locating in cities
• May need help with integration

Data source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2012-2016
Urbanization and agglomeration
Urbanization (and agglomeration)

- Over one-half of world population now lives in cities (55%)
  - By 2050: it will be two-thirds (68%)
- Driven by agglomeration economies (push/pull factors)
  - Better matching in job, marriage markets
- More opportunity for innovation from spillovers
  - Rate of patent citations declines with distance
- Political power shifting away from rural areas
  - Rural discontent → need new frameworks, inclusion mechanisms

1UN Dept. Economic and Social Affairs (2018)
Population density

- More people per square mile in cities

Data source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2012-2016
Income per capita

- Income also is higher in cities, or more densely settled places
  - But not everywhere!
  - Inner cities

- Also, costs of living rise with population density

Data source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 2012-2016
Global shifts in production
Global shifts in production

- Goods and services production increasingly spread around the globe...
- Account for rising “populism,” “rural resentment”? 
- Rising rates of opioids-related death: supply vs. demand 
- Ten of top 12 states in death rates are in the Northeast
Employment in the NE region, two sectors

Data source: U.S. Census, County Business Patterns, 1998-2016
Manufacturing job changes 1998-2016: a few bright spots

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Global shifts in production (OECD 2018)

- Rural areas need to specialize, develop core competencies and promote tradables
- Support entrepreneurs and the self-employed
- Be open to outside investment, promote linkages between local start-ups and firms, consumers elsewhere
- Need to raise competitiveness through innovation, skills investment
  - seek to reproduce conditions of agglomeration
Technological Breakthroughs (Innovation)
Technological breakthroughs (OECD 2018)

• Artificial intelligence, automation, robotics, drones…
  • Decentralized energy production; cloud computing; IoT; nano tech
• New production possibilities, ways to access goods & services
• More product innovations in agriculture, other sectors
• New jobs in 3-D printing, drones for transporting goods
• New opportunities for online learning, digital literacy

→ requires broadband: availability and ability to use
Thank You!

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Phenomenal Advances in Ag Productivity compared to other sectors, 1947-2010...

But public funding of U.S. agricultural R&D is falling...

...even as costs of creating new knowledge are rising.

The Economist, Sep 30th, 2017 “The cost of innovation has risen, and productivity has suffered.”
Rural Resurgence: Empowering the Rural Workforce

Small Group Discussion Questions

- What new partnerships can states leverage to support rural-led innovations?
- What other unique issues are impacting rural communities?
- What are the elements of a successful strategy in this area?
- What do governors need to know to act in this area?
Elevating Proven Solutions: Prioritization

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