



## Spring Summit for Northwest Illinois

June 10, 2019

Event venue:



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## SCHEDULE

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**9:15 a.m. | Summit Registration (breakfast available)**

\$30/person (please pay by check or cash in advance or at the door)

**9:30 a.m. | Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Daniel Payette, Executive Director

**9:45 a.m. | Awards Presentation**

I ♥ NWIL Award

*This award is presented to a person, entity, or initiative that embodies commitment to community and the improvement of Northwest Illinois.*

Carson DeJarnatt Excellence in Community & Economic Development Award

*This award, named for Carson DeJarnatt, the Blackhawk Hills director who was responsible for the creation of the BHRC Economic Development District, is presented to a person, entity, or initiative that furthers community and economic development in Northwest Illinois.*

**10:00 a.m. | Cup of DCEO**



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**

Erin Guthrie, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Topics: DCEO, State of Illinois

**11:00 a.m. | Break & Networking**

**11:15 a.m. | Tomorrow's Talent Is Here Today: Seizing Opportunity in the Digital Age**



Rebekah Kowalski, Vice President Manpower Manufacturing

Topic: preparing the future workforce

**12 p.m. | Conclusion (lunch available)**

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

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**Erin Guthrie**

Erin serves as Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Guthrie most recently served as the regional general manager for Uber Midwest in Chicago where she partnered with cities and regulators to create safe, positive experiences for customers and residents. From 2013 to 2017, she was a client engagement manager and partnership portfolio manager at McKinsey & Company in Chicago. Previously, Guthrie worked as a product manager MBA intern at Amazon's Seattle headquarters, as an account executive at 4INFO, and as a business development manager at Nokia in San Francisco. She received her MBA from the University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business and Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from Stanford University. Erin lives in Wicker Park with her husband and son.



**Rebekah Kowalski**

Rebekah leads Client Workforce Solutions for ManpowerGroup North America. Rebekah's work focuses on developing solutions that help organizations and leaders deal with the implications of both the shortage of rightly skilled workers and the rapid evolution of roles and skills across multiple sectors. Rebekah led the ManpowerGroup team who worked with the Digital Design & Manufacturing Institute to define the future workforce for digital manufacturing and design and is responsible for leading ManpowerGroup North America's manufacturing sector strategy.

Leading up to her current role, Rebekah led the Workforce Strategy and Solution Integration team for Right Management, a ManpowerGroup company, and was responsible for the continuous innovation and expansion of Right Management's Strategic Workforce Consulting Practice. She was the primary architect of ManpowerGroup's proprietary workforce supply and demand forecasting solution and consulting process. She pioneered the workforce strategy approach for government clients to help align their employment ecosystems with their long-term talent forecasts... She is passionate about education leading into a sustainable career and has served on the Board of the Wisconsin Education Business Roundtable and the Executive Committee of Competitive Wisconsin. She is an active member of the University of Wisconsin System Business Council.

## REGIONAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

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## VENUE

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### **Hairy Cow Brewing Company | 450 E Blackhawk Dr, Byron, IL (parking lot and street parking available)**

The first and only brewpub in Ogle County. Built on the bank of the Rock River, Hairy Cow has world-class beer, signature mixed drinks, and gourmet brick oven pizza. Hairy Cow's vision is to be a brewpub that is a hub of activity in Byron – a community-gathering place where you can meet with friends, family, and business associates.

## PRE-SUMMIT SCHEDULE ON JUNE 10

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9 a.m. | BHRC Board of Directors Annual Meeting

## POST-SUMMIT SCHEDULE ON JUNE 10

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### **Immediately Following the Summit | Regional CEDS (RCEDS) Committee Meeting**

A gathering of the Northwest Illinois RCEDS Committee. Attendees will discuss implementing the new 2019-2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside counties.