

Richmond Association for Business Economics "Economic Issues" Luncheon

**Thursday, June 25, 2009
12:00 - 2:00 pm
SunTrust, Executive Dining Room**

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Topic:

A Stimulating Time for Construction?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act -- the "Stimulus Bill" -- contains a wide array of spending programs for construction. But it comes in the midst of the steepest economic downturn in decades.

- * What types of construction will get a boost?
- * Will stimulus end the recent break in materials costs?
- * How soon can Virginia contractors expect to benefit from an improving economy?

Join us on June 25 as Ken Simonson answers these questions, and yours, in a lively, interactive session.

Speaker Bio

Ken Simonson joined AGC of America on September 10, 2001. Ever since Day 2, he has provided insight into the economy and what it implies for construction and related industries.

Ken has 35 years of experience analyzing, advocating and communicating about economic and tax issues. Before joining AGC, he was senior economic advisor in the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. Earlier, he was vice president and chief economist for the American Trucking Associations. He also worked with the President's Commission on Industrial Competitiveness, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and an economic consulting firm.

Ken has a BA in economics from the University of Chicago, an MA in economics from Northwestern University, and has taken advanced graduate economics courses at the Université de Paris, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown.

Luncheon Details

Reservations: Reservations are required! The deadline is 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 23. We ask that everyone please register online at our website, www.RABEva.org. go to the website and click the "register" link. You may also e-mail your reservation to us at rabe@rabeva.org. Please note that we only have a limited number of seats.

Payment: Use your credit card at www.RABEva.org. Members may pay in advance or at the door using online, check or cash. Non-members need to pay in advance, either online or by check in the mail.

Cost: \$15 members/\$25 non-members/\$10 students

Membership Reminder: \$35.00 Annual Dues

You can go to our website now (www.RABEva.org) to register and receive the benefit of the lower luncheon costs. Once you are on the site, scroll down to the middle section that says "Join RABE for 2009."

The President's Corner

Dear RABE members:

With great pride RABE celebrated the 25th anniversary of our organization. The day was highlighted by a presentation from Rich Brown, Chief Economist of the FDIC and a NABE Director. His comments included congratulations to RABE on our 25th anniversary from NABE, as well as timely comments on issues in the economy.

It was also my pleasure announce that RABE was going to expand our role by more actively including university students from area universities studying economics. David Brat, RABE VP for membership, has agreed work with our members from the academic community and make a recommendation to the membership this fall.

During a challenging period in our economy I am proud of the quality of speakers that RABE has brought to Richmond. We also appreciate the hospitality of the Richmond FED in hosting so many of our events. It continues to be my honor to be your President.

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David S. Jolley
President
Richmond Association for Business Economics