2019 State of the Region Conference
Connected with the World:
Global Trade, Investment, Logistics, and Supply Chains and Their Impact on Economic Development in Northwest Ohio

March 11, 2019
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn
Levis Commons, Perrysburg, Ohio

8-9 a.m. Networking Hour and Continental Breakfast

9-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Rodney Rogers, Ph.D., President, BGSU
Ohio Senator Theresa Gavarone

9:15-10 a.m. State of the Region Address
Russell W. Mills, Ph.D., Director, Center for Regional Development

10-10:30 a.m. State of the Region Address Reaction Panel with Economic Development and Business Leaders
Dean Monske, Regional Growth Partnership
Wade Gottschalk, Wood County Economic Development
Tim Mayle, Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development
Jeff Smith, 13abc Anchor (Moderator)

10:30-10:45 a.m. Networking Break

10:45-11:45 a.m. Trade, Tariffs, and the Foreign Perspective
Joseph Comartin, Consul General of Canada for Detroit

11:45 a.m.-noon Break and Lunch Set-Up

Noon-1:15 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Address
Pam Heminger, Vice President of Business Operations, Honda of America Manufacturing

1:15-2 p.m. Automotive Supply Chains
Bernard Swiecki, Center for Automotive Research
2-3 p.m.  Transport and Logistics Panel
    Chuck Bills, Ohio Logistics
    Paul Toth, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
    Isaac Mathew, UPS

3-3:30 p.m.  Why and How Toledo/NW Ohio Now?
    Paul Zito, Regional Growth Partnership