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  
8:00am-3:30pm  
Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons  
Perrysburg, OH

8:00am-9:00am  Networking Hour and Continental Breakfast

9:00am-9:15am  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Michael Ogawa, Ph.D., VP for Research and Economic Engagement, BGSU  
Senator Theresa Gavarone

9:15am-10:00am  State of the Region Address  
Russell W. Mills, Ph.D., Director, Center for Regional Development, BGSU

10:00am-10:30am  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)

10:30am-10:45am  Networking Break

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

11:45am-12:00pm  Break and Lunch Set-Up

12:00pm-1:15pm  Lunch and Keynote Address  
Rodney Rogers, Ph.D., President, BGSU  
Pam Heminger, Vice President of Business Operations, Honda of America Manufacturing
1:15pm-2:00pm    Automotive Supply Chains
  Bernard Swiecki, Center for Automotive Research

2:00pm-3:00pm    Transport and Logistics Panel
  Chuck Bills, Ohio Logistics
  Paul Toth, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
  Aaron Keller, Keller Logistics Group
  Abby Goolsby, United Parcel Service

3:00pm-3:30pm    Why NW Ohio? Why Now?
  Paul Zito, Regional Growth Partnership