WALDORF, Md. - The Economic Development Department will host its annual Fall Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center (3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf) from 8 a.m. to noon. This year the event is entitled “Closing the Workforce Gap.”

The Fall Meeting is an opportunity to dig deeper into the workforce challenges that local businesses face, as well as explore and share solutions for closing the gap between businesses and our local workers. The two panel discussions listed below will encourage and inspire attendees to build relationships that can work toward common goals:

- Workforce Development: Growing Our Local Talent
- Solutions for Hire: Employers’ Workforce Strategies

“Our panelists have been selected to reflect Charles County’s unique workforce challenges and opportunities,” said Economic Development Department Deputy Director Marcia Keeth. “We’ll hear from experts who work with these issues daily, and we will encourage the audience to be part of the discussion.”

The first panel on workforce development will focus on training and education resources in the county that are creating a pipeline of talented, well-educated workers and helping workers upgrade skills. A second panel will address workforce from the employer’s point of view with a discussion on programs and solutions that have worked to attract, upgrade, and retain talent.

In addition to the panel discussions, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Secretary Kelly M. Schulz will be the keynote speaker, and Chief Economist Dr. Darius Irani at Towson University's Regional Economic Studies Institute will present findings from the 2018 Charles County Workforce Study. The program will also include an update on recommendations from the Economic Development Department’s five-year strategic plan.

To register for the event, visit fallmeeting2018.eventbrite.com. To learn more about Charles County Economic Development Department, visit www.MeetCharlesCounty.com.