

# Age of Agility

May 17, 2023 – [Register Now](#)  
9:00am-1:30pm MST

In this time of rapidly changing economic standards and education delivery methods, join business, education and policy leaders from across the state as they share insights and innovations to ensure Idahoans thrive in our future workforce.

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The event will be streamed live at: <https://www.facebook.com/IdahoWDC>

## Agenda:

-Welcome (9:00 am)

**Rod Gramer, President, Idaho Business for Education**

**Wendi Secrist, Executive Director, Idaho Workforce Development Council**

-Keynote Address & Q/A (9:05 am)

***Governor Brad Little** is committed to making decisions through one lens: the lens of ensuring Idaho's children and grandchildren have the best opportunities to stay in Idaho and for the ones who have left to return.*

- Keynote Speaker (9:30 am – 10:15 am)

**Tom Mueller, American Aerospace Engineer, Space X, Impulse Space** was born in St. Maries, Idaho and attended the University of Idaho. Upon graduation his career path led him to becoming an aerospace engineer and rocket engine designer. He was a founding member of SpaceX, An American aerospace manufacturer and space transportation services company. In addition, he is the founder and CEO of Impulse Space.

- *Within Reach Panel:* (10:15 am – 11:00 am)

*The Within Reach initiative, a collaboration between Idaho Business for Education, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Idaho Falls School District, and local businesses, focuses on increasing postsecondary attainment for Idaho students through workplace training, school programs, and parental influence. Central to this innovative approach are Lunch & Learn seminars held in workplaces, connecting parents of school-aged children with subject matter experts to promote education beyond high school and foster a culture of continuous learning. By engaging subject matter experts in the workplace, the initiative provides parents with essential tools and resources for planning their children's postsecondary education pathways.*

**Facilitator: Robert Sanchez, VP Schools & Community Outreach, Idaho Business for Education**

Panelist: Margaret Wimborne, Idaho Falls School District #91, Director of Communications & Community Outreach

Panelist: Heidi Oyola, Director of HR at Idaho Steel

Panelist: Bianca Chavez, Within Reach Program Participant and Parent

Panelist: Lorraine Thayer, Education & Outreach, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Panelist: Zerin Buchanan, Director of Learning, The Hartwell Corporation and Parent & Idaho Within Reach Participant

**VIDEO – Idaho Rural Water Association (11:00 am – 11:10 am)**

-*Talent Pipeline Management, One Approach Panel* (11:10 am – 11:55 am)

*If you're someone who's passionate about driving economic growth, then you don't want to miss the upcoming panel presentation! Our discussion will cover all the strides taken so far and the ongoing work towards implementing the TPM (Talent Pipeline Management) approach. We'll explore how this approach generates interest in pursuing careers in our top industries and develops talent for skilled entry-level positions. Our aim is to provide upward mobility for those individuals who possess these skills by offering career progression opportunities,*

*recognition of their abilities, and a clear path towards pursuing higher education. This approach ensures that skilled professionals receive credit when enrolling in college to earn their associate degree, preparing them for people management positions. With a bachelor's degree, they can advance into Plant Leadership positions. So come prepared to gain insights on how to build a skilled workforce, enhance your community's economic development, and support the growth of top industries.*

**Facilitator: Janet Pretti, Senior Director of Workforce & Economic Development, College of Southern Idaho**

Panelist: Shawn Burton, High Desert Milk, Chief Operating Officer

Panelist: TJ Bliss, Chief Academic Officer, Idaho State Board of Education

Panelist: Barry Pate, College of Southern Idaho, CTE Dean

- Closing Speaker (11:55 am – 1:05 pm)

**Kristin Scroggin, [genWHY Communications](#)** has spent the past eight years researching and speaking on Generational Diversity. She has worked with many agencies including NASA, to help create a deeper understanding of generational differences. Kristin will present her findings, help us understand lessons learned, and keep us laughing while learning.

-Closing (1:05 pm)

**Rod Gramer, President, Idaho Business for Education**

**Wendi Secrist, Executive Director, Idaho Workforce Development Council**

**VIDEO – Micron (1:05 – 1:15 pm)**

**Presented by:**

