

Economic and Fiscal Analysis for Non-economists
University of South Alabama, Mobile
May 16-17
Preliminary Agenda

MODULE 1 – Economic Impact Analysis for Non-economists

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. An Overview of Impact Analysis for Non-economists
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Case Study Presentations of Exemplary Local Impact Studies
Brian Richard, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Semoon Chang, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL
- 11:00 – 11:45 Introduction to US Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Input-Output
Modeling System (RIMS II)
- 11:45 – 12:30 IMPLAN® Demonstration and Discussion
- Lunch Break
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Regional Dynamics® Demonstration and Discussion
- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Economic Modeling Specialists Inc.® Demonstration and Discussion
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. REMI Policy Insights® Demonstration and Discussion
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Wrap-Up Discussion and Questions

MODULE 2 – Fiscal Impact Analysis: The Basics of Conducting Cost-Benefit Studies

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Instructors: *George Erickcek, W.E. Upjohn Institute, Kalamazoo, MI*
Thomas Tanner, Carl Vinson Institute, University of Georgia

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Overview of Fiscal Impact Studies
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Estimating Costs
- 11:00 – 12:30 p.m. Estimating Benefits from Taxes and Fees
- Lunch Break
- 1:30 – 2:00 Case Study Discussion
- 2:30 – 3:30 Common Pitfalls and Tips for Presenting a Fiscal Impact Study
- 3:30 – 4:30 Fiscal Impact Model Demonstrations and Discussion
- 4:30 – 5:00 Wrap Up Discussion and Questions