



SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT EVENT AGENDA

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Ohio Chamber of Commerce, 34 S. Third Street, 1st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215

9:30 – 10 AM | Registration

Networking and Welcome Reception

10 - 10:15 AM | Opening Remarks & Welcome

- Welcome & Days Objectives – Steve Stivers, President, Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Review of Day's Schedule – Eric H. Kearney, CRO Director
- Sponsor Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker

10:15 – 11:00 AM | Keynote Speaker

"Innovative Ideas In Response to Challenges"

Speaker: Christopher Che, Che International Group

11:00 - 11:15 AM | Networking Break

11:15 – 12: 15p | Interactive Panel

"Challenges in Procurement"

Moderator: [Sponsor]

Panelists:

- Thorb Towles, Titan Management Group
- Bao M. Nguyen, Asianati
- Fred Craig, Jr., PE, COO Transdev North America
- Meredith Whitehead, Sedrick Group

Prompts/Focus Areas:

1. **"What are the biggest risks in supplier dependency, and how can companies diversify without sacrificing performance?"**
2. **"How can businesses balance cost efficiency with supplier quality and reliability in today's volatile global markets?"**
3. **"What role does digital transformation—AI, blockchain, and analytics—play in modernizing procurement and supplier management?"**
4. **"How can businesses leverage supplier innovation to drive competitive advantage, rather than just cost savings?"**
5. **"How can companies foster deeper collaboration with suppliers to build resilience against future disruptions?"**
6. **"What lessons have we learned from recent supply chain crises, and how should they inform supplier development going forward?"**

12:15 - 1:15 PM | Closing/Awards/Lunch

Review of Days Key Points – Eric H. Kearney

Suppliers of the Year Awards – Sponsor(s)

- Supplier, Tier 1 Awardee

- Supplier, Tier 2 Awardee
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