



# MACE

*"Helping People Help Themselves"*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Delta Dialogue

September 13-15, 2007

### Agenda

#### **Thursday, September 13, 2007**

7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.      A Jazz Tribute to the Blues  
(E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center)  
Delta Symphony Association

#### **Friday, September 14, 2007**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      Breakfast Roundtable: Philanthropy and the Region

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.      Plenary: Changing the Region: Creating a Cultural Based Economy

11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.      Panel: Moving the Legislature: *Taking the Next Steps*  
Participants: Legislative Representative/Academic/ Nonprofit

*How do we get the legislature to financially support the Delta Task Force Agenda? What roles should/will the various sectors play in advancing priorities? What's in place? Where do we begin? Who can we learn from? What are the opportunities for partnership?*

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.      Lunch Buffet/Cultural Entertainment

1:30 p.m. - 2:45p.m.      **Talking Economy: Growing wealth regionally**

Group A: Agricultural Strategies

#### **Thematic Questions:**

*How viable is a sustainable agriculture strategy for the region; what are the economic implications of such a strategy; what is already being done? What's worked in other regions?*

Group B: Cultural Strategies

**Thematic Questions:**

*What are the cultural and heritage assets that we want to promote beyond the blues? What type of infrastructure needs to be in place to support cultural promotion? Where has heritage based economic development worked for grassroots people? What are the lessons?*

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Report Back  
Reactions to the Day  
Closing Remarks

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Nelson Street Festival**

7:00 p.m.

**Blues Reception and GALA**  
**Washington County Convention Center**

**Saturday, September 15, 2007**

12:00 p.m.

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual MS Delta Blues and Heritage Festival**  
**O'JAYS, BOBBY RUSH, NORTH MS ALL-STARS**