



**TN Economic Resiliency Course
DoubleTree by Hilton Jackson
September 30 – October 1, 2025**

Tuesday, September 30

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:45 Welcome/ Introductions/ Course Overview

Tintin Czach, TCEcD

UTCIS

Laith Wardi, CEcD

Gem City Growth Strategies

10:45 – 12:15 Resiliency Business Roundtable: A Regional Perspective

Laith Wardi, CEcD

Local Panelists

Logan McCoy, TCEcD, Greater Jackson Chamber

James Fountain, West Tennessee Healthcare

Nichole Hally, Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

Leslie Jones, Jackson Energy Authority

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch & Networking

1:15 – 1:45 Defining Disasters

Laith Wardi, CEcD

Erik Collins

Centerville Ohio

1:45 – 2:45 Real World Disaster Recovery & Resiliency

Dale Wheeldon

BCEDA

Laith Wardi, CEcD

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:00 After the Storm: Building Resilience in Unicoi County

Erik Collins

Austin Finch

Erwin Utilities/Unicoi County

4:00 – 5:15 Disasters & BRE

Laith Wardi, CEcD

Erik Collins

5:15 Wrap-up & Adjourn

6:00 Optional Dinner Gathering



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6:00 – 8:00	Full Breakfast	
8:00 – 8:30	Day One Review	Laith Wardi, CEcD
8:30 – 10:00	Tennessee Resources for Preparedness Jarlecia Jones, Pathway Lending Derek Miller, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Tim Waldo, UT CIS/OPS Smart Talent Systems	Laith Wardi, CEcD <i>Statewide Panelists</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:15	Resiliency Resources—A Bigger Picture	Jeff Finkle, CEcD <i>IEDC Past President</i>
11:15—12:15	Disaster Response Team Exercise	Class Participants
12:15	Wrap Up & Final Comments Evaluation Forms/Adjourn	Tintin Czach, TCEcD



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