Thursday August 15th

3:00 – 5:00 pm Steering Committee Meeting – members only, Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St

5:00 – 7:00 pm Evening Social Event - Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St

Friday August 16th

8:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast and Welcome - Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St

9:30 am Partnerships for Excellent Early Childhood Education – High quality early childhood care and education are critical to lifelong success. Cities are addressing this critical issue in innovative ways, including successful efforts to foster collaboration in this area with the business community.

Arthur J. Rolnick, Sr. Fellow & Co-Director, Human Capital Research Collaborative, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Carolyn Newberry Schwartz, Executive Director, Collaboration for Early Childhood
Ivy R. Taylor, Council Member, San Antonio City Council
Philip A. Peterson, Partner, Aon Hewitt and Advisory Board Co-chair, ReadyNation

11:30 am Lunch - Marion Street Cheese Market, 100 S Marion St

12:45 pm Tour: Walkable Urbanism

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4:15 pm Tour: Historic Oak Park – Oak Park was home to a fascinating array of famous people, including Ernest Hemingway and Frank Lloyd Wright. This guided tour will introduce you to key historical sites and some of Oak Park’s most impressive architecture.
The tour will be approximately one hour. It departs from Oak Park Library and ends the top of Marion St.

6:00 pm  Reception, Dinner and Keynote
Big Data in the Big City -- (and the Medium City and the Small City)
Charlie Catlett, Director, Urban Center for Computation and Data (University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory)
Nigel Griswold, President of Griswold Consulting
Unity Temple, 875 Lake St. Tours will be offered at 6:10 and 6:30pm.

Saturday August 17th

8:00 am  Continental Breakfast  -  Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St

8:30 am  Fostering Diverse Neighborhoods  – Most US cities are significantly racially segregated. How can local government promote integration through policies and programs? This panel will discuss successes and challenges experienced by several cities.
Maria Krysan, Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago
Morgan Davis, Fair Housing Policy Director, Oak Park Regional Housing Center
Mayor Earl Leiken, Shaker Heights, OH

10:30 am  Tour: Elements of the Smart Grid - Departs from Carleton Hotel

12:00 pm  Lunch  –  Red Hen Bread, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street

12:45 pm  Smart Grids and Beyond  –  How can new technology help cities provide better service, promote efficiency and conservation, foster renewable energy, and save money? We’ll hear about smart meter and smart grid programs from around the country.
Mayor John Marks III, Tallahassee FL
K.C. Doyle, Sustainability Manager, Oak Park IL
Suzanne Russo, Pecan Street Project

3:00 – 7:00 pm  Oak Park Microbrew Review – Co-produced by Seven Generations Ahead and the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild, the Oak Park Micro Brew Review will feature tastings of over 100 craft beers from more than 50 microbreweries across Illinois and the Midwest. Marion St between Lake St and Pleasant St

Sunday August 18th

9:00 – 10:00 am  Pick up tickets to the baseball game - Lobby of Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St
11:30 am  Group meets to take the train to Wrigley Field - Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St
1:20 pm  Cubs vs. Cardinals at Wrigley Field