8TH ANNUAL BALLE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
LIGHTING THE WAY TO A NEW ECONOMY
MAY 21-23 2010
CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA
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The new economy is being shaped at the grassroots level in local communities around North America. Join 500 pioneering entrepreneurs and business owners, economic developers and community connectors as we spotlight the most innovative and effective practices in growing community health and building strong, local, green businesses.

- 80 speakers
- 16 mainstage events & offsite celebrations
- 24 breakout sessions
- pre-conference workshop intensive
- 3 living economy tours of Charleston

BREAKOUT SESSION THEMES
- Increasing the Success of your Triple Bottom Line Business
- Local Living Economy Business Models: Green Building, Food and Farming, Energy, Manufacturing
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Building a Thriving BALLE Network
- Local and Regional Wealth Building Strategies
- Harnessing Community Capital
- Think Local First Campaigns and Tools
- The Power of Business Cooperation

CHARLESTON: HOTBED OF INNOVATION
Charleston is world renowned for its warm hospitality, historic architecture, outstanding local food and beautiful waterways. But did you know that the “lowcountry” of South Carolina and the surrounding Southeast is also a hotbed of innovative community economic development? What better place for this conference?

GROUP & EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS
Full details and registration: LivingEconomies.org

BALLE was founded in 2001 and is the fastest growing network of socially responsible business in North America: 80 local networks, 30 states and provinces, 22,000 independent business members.

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