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# Media Release

## Larry Swanson, Ph.D. Keynotes 2013 Billings Chamber/CVB Annual Meeting Luncheon

### For Immediate Release

Billings, MT, September 5, 2013: The Billings Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is pleased to announce Dr. Larry Swanson as the keynote speaker for the 2013 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

Dr. Swanson is the Director of the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, and head of its Regional Economy program. He has studied important patterns of change and trends in the economy of Montana and the larger Rocky Mountain West for over 25 years. He recently completed a two-year study identifying where job growth in Montana is most likely to occur over the next decade. He does focused studies of the region's economy for a wide range of clients and users including First Interstate Bank, the Montana State Fund, Northwestern Energy, and the Montana State AFL-CIO.



During his keynote address, Dr. Swanson will share insight into Billings' future, including highlights such as:

- How energy development will shape Billings' future as just one of several major industries.
- How education will continue to re-invent itself to become more relevant to people's lives, aspirations, and also to economic realities.
- How quality of life will continue to shape longer term growth patterns in our region.

We invite you to attend and cover the event. [Click here](#) to RSVP. [Click here](#) to learn more about Dr. Swanson and the Annual Meeting program.

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