

# 27<sup>th</sup> MERC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Securing Tomorrow's Workforce Today

 Wednesday, May 22, 2019



### MetroWest Economic Research Center at Framingham State University

#### Location

Sheraton Framingham  
Hotel & Conference Center  
1657 Worcester Road  
Framingham, MA 01701

#### Time

7:30 a.m. Registration & Networking  
8:00 a.m. Program  
8:15 a.m. Keynote Address  
9:00 a.m. MERC Update  
9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion  
10:30 a.m. Adjourn

#### Registration

[www.metrowest.org](http://www.metrowest.org)  
or call 508-879-5600  
Registration fee: \$25, includes 2019  
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#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rosalin Acosta

As Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development in Massachusetts, Secretary Acosta leverages her passion to make the world a better place for the next generation to ensure that workers, employers, and the unemployed have the tools and training needed to succeed in the Massachusetts economy.

Prior to joining the Baker-Polito Administration, Secretary Acosta spent over thirty years in the banking industry and is known for her ability to drive positive performance outcomes aligned with a company's mission. She has been named one of Boston's Most Influential Women from the Women of the Harvard Club, El Planeta's Top 100 Most Influential Hispanics in Massachusetts, and Get Connected's 100 Most Influential People of Color in Boston, to name a few.

Involved in many civic and community endeavors, Secretary Acosta is a recognized leader, public speaker and cultural ambassador on matters of diversity, motivating youth and Latino Leadership. The common strands that run through her life and career are leadership, mentorship, passion and success. Her work in her previous roles as Board member of The Boston Foundation, Board Overseer at Boston Children's Hospital where she was a founding member of Milagros Para Niño's, and Corporate Advisory Board member for the Boston Chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA) has touched the lives of many.

#### PANEL DISCUSSION ON WORKFORCE:

**Moderator:** Cassandra Arsenault, NBC Boston Reporter

Panelists will include Mark Parker, Owner, Chick-Fil-A Framingham and Jonathan Evans, Superintendent Director, Keefe Regional Technical School, among others.

