



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ETA VISION 2030

Investing in America's Workforce

Regional Meeting Agenda

(subject to change)

November 14-15, 2023

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago, IL

Day One: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time	Session/Topic	Description	Location
8:30 – 10:15 AM	Opening Plenary: Meeting the Moment Workforce Vision 2030, A Historic Opportunity Molly Bashay: U.S. Department of Labor Gregory Claus: National Telecommunications and Information Administration Angela Dayton: U.S. Department of Energy Pam Gerassimides: U.S. Department of Labor Lenita Jacobs-Simmons: U.S. Department of Labor Dr. Mary Leary: U.S. Department of Transportation Jessica Nicholson: U.S. Department of Commerce Kimberly Staley: U.S. Department of Labor	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and federal partners from the U.S. Department of Energy, Transportation, and Commerce highlight the historic opportunity for workforce development.	Grand Ballroom S100A
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break on Own		
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Breakout Sessions	Three 60-Minute Concurrent Sessions	
❖	Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA): From Guidance to Best Practice Ann Astin: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Larry Burns: U.S. Department of Labor Nicole Gardner: South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce Tasha Jenkins: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Phylicia Thompson: South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce	This will be an informed and engaging discussion with RESEA professionals ready to operationalize the One Workforce strategy, including discussions on RESEA performance and state promising practices.	Meeting Room S102A
❖	Sector Strategies 101 Robin Fernkas: U.S. Department of Labor Shelley Penn: Kansas City Full Employment Council and Midwest Urban Strategies Aleece Smith: KentuckianaWorks	This session will delve beyond concepts of how workforce boards are using sector strategies to engage their employer partners in addressing current workforce challenges. Two leading organizations will share how they are operationalizing Sector Strategies,	Meeting Room S102BC



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		focusing on the roles of their business service representatives, one-stop operators, WDB directors, and others.	
	❖ Careers Begin at Job Corps: A Panel Discussion with Job Corps Students Deshon Christian: Joliet Job Corps Center Ethan Cruz: Joliet Job Corps Center Justice Powell: Paul Simon Job Corps Center Zina Watkins: U.S. Department of Labor Peni Webster-Lewis: U.S. Department of Labor Raymond Williams: Paul Simon Job Corps Center	This session will provide an overview of Job Corps program, as well as youth from the Joliet and Paul Simon Job Corps Centers will bring their stories and experiences to life.	Meeting Room S102D
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Own	<i>Please return promptly.</i>	
1:00 – 2:05 PM	Plenary Session: Using Strategy to Pave a Way for All Workers James Bain: North Carolina Works Commission Pam Gerassimides: U.S. Department of Labor Lenita Jacobs-Simmons: U.S. Department of Labor Katie McClelland: Minnesota Governor's Workforce Board Dr. Stephanie Rodriguez: U.S. Department of Labor Kim Staley: U.S. Department of Labor Betsey Stevenson: University of Michigan	A discussion on the opportunity and necessity of strategic planning to advance economic and workforce development goals and create impact for workers.	Grand Ballroom S100A
2:05 – 2:15 PM	Break on Own		
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions	Three 60-Minute Concurrent Sessions	
	❖ Federal Infrastructure Partner Voices "Unplugged" Gregory Claus: National Telecommunications and Information Administration Angela Dayton: U.S. Department of Energy Dr. Mary Leary: U.S. Department of Transportation Jessica Nicholson: U.S. Department of Commerce	This session builds upon the plenary session with opportunities to meet with infrastructure partners to ask additional questions and gain further context for how attendees' programs may fit into infrastructure proposals and projects, as well as deliver targeted technical assistance on their chosen infrastructure-related topics, allowing them to build knowledge and glean best practices directly from experts.	Meeting Room S102BC



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❖	Healthcare Workforce Strategy Kathleen Brannigan: Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Dr. Taya Jackson Scott, EdD: Morehouse School of Medicine Michelle McFarland: The Partnership's Healthcare Sector Center Joseph Quintana: United American Indian Involvement, Inc.	This session will feature a discussion of panelists from the Morehouse School of Medicine, the United American Indian Involvement Inc., the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's Healthcare Sector Center, and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, discussing a range of pathway programs available in the healthcare sector, focusing on underserved communities.	Meeting Room S102A
❖	Tapping into the Power of Youth Fausto Alejandro López: Praxis Institute Serena Holthe: The Children's Defense Fund	This session will discuss the positive impacts of integrating a youth-centered voice in decision making for policies and program design within the workforce system. With the everchanging workforce, it is imperative for the workforce system to take a proactive approach in succession planning for our future leaders in all industry sectors.	Meeting Room S102D
3:15 – 3:30 PM			
Break on Own			
3:30 – 5:00 PM			
Workshops		Three 90-Minute Concurrent Sessions	
❖	Follow the Money: Funding Flexibilities and Braiding Funds Robin Fernkas: U.S. Department of Labor Anita Harvey: U.S. Department of Labor Chelsea Mates: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity James Miller: Mississippi Community College Board Zach Nickerson: South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce The Honorable Errick D. Simmons: Greenville, Mississippi Mitzi Woods: South Delta Planning and Development District George Wright: Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership	This session will explore innovative strategies to effectively utilize available funds, including 15% statewide funding flexibilities and braiding funds to assist grantees to maximize this flexibility and braiding opportunities to achieve performance outcomes.	Meeting Room S102A
❖	State Strategic Planning: Practical Solutions to Building Partnerships Robert Kight: U.S. Department of Labor Jordan Morang: National Governors Association	This session will discuss strategies and scenarios on non-traditional partnerships and investment alignment to address the needs of job seekers and employers via a state plan.	Meeting Room S102BC



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What is the Monitor Advocate System? Why it is Important and How You Can Make a Difference

Gerardo Aranda: Michigan Department of Labor and
Economic Opportunity

Felipe Pacheco: Technical College System of Georgia

This session discusses the Monitor Advocate System and why it continues to be necessary to ensure equitable services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers. A discussion of staffing requirements, roles, and responsibilities (National/Regional/State), as well as examples of functional and effective Monitor Advocate Systems to demonstrate how effective stakeholder engagement and partnerships lead to impactful services.

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5:00 – 5:15 PM

Closing Plenary

Pam Gerassimides: U.S. Department of Labor

Kimberly Staley: U.S. Department of Labor

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Day Two: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Time	Session/Topic	Description	Location
8:00 – 9:45 AM	Opening Plenary: The Voices of America's Workers Kristen Broady: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Pam Gerassimides: U.S. Department of Labor Merissa Piazza: Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Kimberly Staley: U.S. Department of Labor	A discussion with representatives from the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago and Cleveland about the experiences of America's workers and how they approach opportunities to build workforce infrastructure.	Grand Ballroom S100A
	Are we there yet? Where are we on the EV landscape? Paul Bowser: Roush Enterprises Michele Economou Ureste, MPA: Workforce Intelligence Network Karen Kirchler: Technical College System of Georgia Deb Lyzenga: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Deniece Thomas: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development	Explore the dynamic landscape of Electric Vehicle (EV) manufacturing as employers, industry leaders and state and local representatives share insights on their successes within the EV sector.	
9:45 – 9:55 AM	Break on Own		
9:55 – 10:35 AM	Plenary Session: Setting the Vision Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su: U.S. Department of Labor Governor J.B. Pritzker: State of Illinois Adrielle Lockett: Apprentice		Grand Ballroom S100A
10:35 – 10:45 AM	Break on Own		
10:45 – 11:45 AM	Breakout Sessions	Three 60-Minute Concurrent Sessions	
	❖ Developing a Talent Pipeline: Successful Strategies from Electric Vehicle (EV) and Green Energy Manufacturing Don Adkins: Davis H. Elliott Company Sue Smith: Ivy Tech Community College	This session will outline strategies to prepare the automotive workforce to transition to battery and EV production. Participants will leave armed with practical advice on how to approach EV-related work-based learning from both the training and employment perspectives.	Meeting Room S102BC
	❖ Education Workforce Sector Dr. Erin Crisp: The University of Tennessee Jason Graves: Indiana Department of Workforce Development	This session will feature two teacher apprenticeship strategies – Indiana and Tennessee's Grow Your Own Center (TN	Meeting Room S102A



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GYO). Indiana received the nation's first Registered Apprenticeship Program in Special Education. The TN GYO Program exists to end teacher shortages in Tennessee by strengthening the educator pipeline. Nationally, GYO programs have become a leading strategy for addressing educator shortages.

- ❖ **Youth Apprenticeships – “TRY” it, You’ll Like It! (Train. Retain. Youth)**
John Keckhaver: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
Lynn Rippy: YouthBuild Louisville

This session will focus on the entry points and success tracks for youth who engage in registered apprenticeship directly or through pre-apprenticeship referral programs, which leads to sustainable wages, positive economic trajectory, and stabilizes our economy.

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11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Lunch on Own

1:15 – 2:15 PM

Breakout Sessions

Three 60-Minute Concurrent Sessions

- ❖ **Pitch Perfect! How to Grow and Maintain Infrastructure Partnerships Across Government**
John Helton: CareerRise Atlanta
Deb Lyzenga: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
Anne Penttiak: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

This session will feature a series of practical steps (a framework) states and local areas can use to get internal infrastructure partnerships off the ground and provide participants with hands-on training and peer learning regarding how to build and maintain long-term partnerships with other governmental agencies that engage in major infrastructure projects.

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- ❖ **Advancing Digital Literacy in Underserved Communities**
Mike Beene: Kansas Department of Commerce
Triscia McGuinness: AARP Foundation
Megan Steckly: Compudopt, Inc.
Parnell Turner: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Explore innovative frameworks designed to address the unique needs of three population groups: adult/older workers, youth/young adults, and special populations, including justice-involved individuals, people with disabilities, and those in rural areas.

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- ❖ **Addressing the Youth Mental Health Crisis**
Dr. Mary Ann (Mimi) Haley, PhD: National Youth Employment Coalition
Morgan Seiler: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Marissa Thomas: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

This session will focus on the current state of mental health among youth and young adults, as well as strategies that the workforce system and service professionals are implementing to meet these needs in order to increase trauma informed care

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practices, and what workforce professionals themselves need.

2:15 – 2:25 PM

Break on Own

2:25 – 3:20 PM

Plenary Session: AI, The Future of the Labor Market and Implications for the Workforce

Ashwin Bharath: Revature

Manny Lamaree: U.S. Department of Labor

Daniel Serota: Aon

Jennifer Sereno: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

A discussion to explore the potential shifts in the labor market that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will precipitate and how AI will create new pathways to move individuals into good jobs.

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3:20 – 3:30 PM

Break on Own

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Workshops

Three 90-Minute Concurrent Sessions

❖ Region 5: Listening Session with Workforce System Stakeholders

Pam Gerassimides: U.S. Department of Labor

Rose Zibert: U.S. Department of Labor

A facilitated discussion with workforce system stakeholders regarding Yes, WIOA Can, infrastructure partnerships, sector strategies, and WIOA reauthorization

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❖ Region 3: Listening Session with Workforce System Stakeholders

Corey Pitts: U.S. Department of Labor

Kim Staley: U.S. Department of Labor

A facilitated discussion with workforce system stakeholders regarding Yes, WIOA Can, infrastructure partnerships, sector strategies, and WIOA reauthorization

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❖ Effectively Leveraging Partnerships and Tools to Expand Registered Apprenticeship

Katie Adams: Safal Partners

Melissa Aguilar-Southard: Safal Partners

James Disbro: Career Source Suncoast

Cierra Mitchell: U.S. Department of Labor

The DOL Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance (RA TA) Center of Excellence (COE) recently issued the first-ever national Workforce System RA Baseline Knowledge Assessment; this session will highlight findings, pointing to steps that systems can take to improve collaboration and outlining ways the Center can support system alignment and effective partnership building through tools, technical assistance, and coaching.

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