National Association of Workforce Boards

NAWB advocates for the national network of America’s 550 workforce development boards and their over 2,000 job centers, where employers, job seekers, community leaders, and policymakers strategize & act to insure the billions they invest in economic development and skills development will turn employment opportunities into sustainable job creation and economic growth for their region.

From the largest multinational biotechnology company to the family-owned restaurant on your corner, the American economy relies on a capable workforce. And who do companies, the unemployed, and federal, state, and local government rely on to make this happen?

America relies on us, the national network of 550 workforce boards.

Who is on my local workforce board?

Job Centers provide key information and training:
- Job openings
- In-demand skills
- Resume writing
- Interview techniques
- Financial assistance

Every demographic benefits from this system:
- Current service percentages among key groups:
  - 49% women
  - 41% minority
  - 7% veterans
  - 5% people with disabilities

NAWB convenes stakeholders to broaden impact:
- Employers
- Industry associations
- Educators
- Elected officials
- Economic development groups & chambers of commerce
NAWB: Policies to Skill and Strengthen the American Workforce

The mandate of the workforce system is clear: continue to provide American companies and job creators with a skilled workforce capable of advancing ingenuity and innovation. As the hub of the entire system, workforce boards help provide the analysis on trends in skills needed now, and what might lie ahead.

At a time of global uncertainty and unparalleled technology change, it is the workforce boards’ mission to craft and oversee a workforce system that is adaptable and agile. Focused on outcomes, the boards rely on data, their close connections to the conditions of business, and job seekers in their region. It’s why NAWB believes so strongly in local control. In 2019, NAWB urges Congress and the Administration to:

1. Fully fund workforce development titles at levels prescribed in WIOA, while ensuring workforce boards can continue to leverage all federal investments in skill development

2. Meet businesses and workers where they are, by ensuring Congressional intent of local control of workforce programs is enforced
   - This is done by local workforce boards having the authority and flexibility to deliver meaningful and useful service and allowed activities based on their regional needs, by making sure funds appropriated by Congress for local efforts are controlled and deployed locally

3. Integrate the workforce board system into major legislation, including entitlement and education reforms, infrastructure and trade packages or other critical issues whose outcome is job creation and growth

NAWB is the advocate for the 550 workforce boards nationwide.

We urge policymakers to make decisions that support the millions of Americans that rely on our training to find work, and the American economy that relies on them to do it.