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**NAWB Offers Support for House FY2020 Funding Bill**

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor/HHS/Education approved their FY2020 funding bill, which includes WIOA funding. NAWB has been tirelessly advocating for increased federal funding to be dispatched to local workforce boards. Today is the first tangible indication from the House of Representatives that they will be pushing back against the President's proposed budget cuts and provide the additional resources needed for WIOA programs. In this draft the House is proposing to fund all major Title I programs to their authorized levels which is a substantial improvement from FY2019.

This is still an early step in the budget process as the Senate and the President will still need to reconcile their budgets against the House. NAWB is fully supportive of these initial funding levels and urge the House to accept the recommendation. [Here](#) is a link to the LHHS's press release and overview of their draft and [here](#) is a copy of the draft.

This chart compares final funding levels for the last two years, the authorized levels for specific programs and, the proposed budgets from the President and the House:

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**NAWB's Ron Painter Speaks on Employment Opportunities for Older Americans**

NAWB President Ron Painter was quoted in a [Fox Business article](#) commenting on McDonald's and AARP teaming up to hire older employees.

McDonald's will use AARP's Senior Community Service Employment Program to align "employer and candidate job needs and interests." The program - available first in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and North Carolina before rolling out nationwide - will work to clearly explain the career and educational benefits available to those interested in a career within the company.

"Considering the labor trends for both the 50+ workforce and the growth of the QSR industry, McDonald's leadership in this area is occurring an opportune time," Ron Painter said in the news release. "People all over the country are facing challenges that are driving them back into the workforce and we need to connect them with employers that provide respect, dignity and opportunities for advancement and connection. It's encouraging to see McDonald's stepping up to the challenge."

**Forum 2019 Review: Nick Pinchuk, Special Assistant Secretary Sessions, Live at the Forum**
It happened. Forum 2019. Over 4 days in late March 2019, workforce development professionals, board members, and individuals from other organizations from across the country descended upon Washington D.C. for the largest workforce development conference in the USA.

**Featured Speaker Nick Pinchuk, CEO of Snap-On**

Main speaker Nick Pinchuk, CEO of Snap On, gave a captivating speech on the dignity of work and the importance of building a strong workforce.

**Special Assistant Secretaries Session**

Assistant Secretaries from the DoL, DoE, and HHS spoke as part of a panel on the federal government initiatives in workforce development and collaboration with workforce boards.

**The Future of Work**

Bryan Albrecht, President, Gateway Technical College, led a panel on the future of work in the face of new technologies and globalization. They addressed how the jobs of the future will require a hybrid set of skills from a variety of technical areas that will change several times over individual careers.

**Data in Workforce Development**

NAWB's Ron Painter and Burning Glass Technologies' Matt Sigelman discuss the importance of data in workforce development.
NAWB on the Road in 2019

We believe that federal policy created in the vacuum of DC is not as effective as policy created by conversations that are had in local communities across America. As such, NAWB staff will be visiting workforce boards across the USA this year to hear from you about workforce development in your area and the policies that would best serve you. See you soon! Contact andersonm@nawb.org if you are interested in your community participating.

Planned stops for NAWB:

**NAWB On The Road**

- Wichita, KS
- Danville, VA
- Ft Worth (Tarrant County), TX
- San Bernardino, CA
- Gainesville, FL
- Omaha, NE
- Tucson, AZ
- Spokane, WA

New Workforce Central Episode: Restoring Opportunity For The Working Class
Tamar Jacoby, President of Opportunity America, and Anne Kim, Vice President of Domestic Policy at The Progressive Policy Institute, join the program to discuss the report Work, Skills, Community: Restoring Opportunity for the Working Class - a slate of bipartisan proposals to create jobs, train and retrain workers and revitalize blue-collar communities. Listen Here.

Takeaways From The Episode:
- There is quite a bit of diversity among the middle class
- The middle class has largely been ignored by public policy
- There are many high paying careers that do not require a 4 year degree
- Innovation often happens more at the state level

Department of Labor Releases Grant Funding Opportunities Focused on Re-entry, Veterans, and More

Federal Agencies have recently released several grant opportunities that workforce boards may be eligible for. See below for more information.

Fidelity Bonding Demonstration Grants: ETA-TEGL-15-18

The Department of Labor is committed to helping those involved in the criminal justice system, including ex-offenders recovering from opioid and other drug addictions, obtain employment in family-sustaining jobs; better informing employers about the knowledge, skills, and abilities of this population; and advancing strategies to address the barriers to reemployment. Through the Federal Bonding Program (FBP), the Department provides fidelity bonds to employers to help reduce the risks of hiring individuals whose criminal backgrounds pose barriers to securing employment.

Issue Date: March 26, 2019
Closing Date: May 1, 2019

Full Announcement

National Health Emergency Phase Two: Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis: TEGL-4-18

The U.S. Department of Labor announces the availability of funding to address the opioid crisis through the Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants program. The purpose of these grants is to enable eligible applicants to create disaster-relief employment to alleviate the effects of the opioid crisis in affected communities, as well as to provide employment and training activities, including supportive services, to address economic and workforce impacts related to widespread opioid use, addiction, and overdose. Eligible Applicants for these awards are: States; Outlying areas; and Indian tribal governments as defined by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(6)).

Issue Date: September 18, 2018
Closing Date: September 30, 2019

Full Announcement
Department of Labor Announces Funding Opportunity for New Center for Employer-Focused Disability Policy and Technical Assistance

This solicitation is a re-competition of an existing cooperative agreement. The work done under the new Center will build upon the prior work of ODEP’s Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN). The new Center, which will retain the name EARN, will continue to conduct research; engage with the business community; identify effective policies and practices that support business needs; and provide resources, technical assistance, and training to help public and private sector employers (including Federal contractors) recruit, hire, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities. The new Center will differ from the current, however, in that it will have a stronger focus on policy development, research, and compliance assistance activities that will be driven and developed in collaboration with private sector business entities, including through a network of business intermediary organizations representing groups of employers.

Closing Date:
Jun 24, 2019

Full Announcement

NAWB Members are frequently notified of can view a list with even more funding opportunities here.

NAWB Member RFPs Release Several RFPs

NAWB members organizations can request to have their RFPs posted on NAWB's website and in our newsletters. View more member RFPs on our main site. Interested in NAWB membership? See membership information here.

Workforce Investment Network (Memphis Area)

RFP 19-003-43 SERVICES TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK GRANT FUNDED/ NO GOALS

RFP 19-004-44 SERVICES TO IN-SCHOOL YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK GRANT FUNDED/ NO GOALS

http://workforceinvestmentnetwork.com/resources/rfps-rfqs-procurement-info

Career Source Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance, Inc. d.b.a. CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) is requesting proposals for consultant services. Parties interested in submitting a Proposal shall review this entire document. Read Here

Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. EDT on May 31, 2019 to:

CareerSource Tampa Bay
Attention: Anna Munro
4902 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 250
Tampa, FL 33634

Workforce Solutions Borderplex

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is soliciting proposals from qualified vendor(s) for IT Talent Acquisition Services. The Request for Proposal (RFP) # PY19-100-107 will be available online at www.borderplexjobs.com/rfps on or after 2:00 p.m. MST, Wednesday, April 10, 2019.
The authorized contact is the Procurement & Contracts Agent at (915) 887-2243 or procurement@borderplexjobs.com. Proposals to this RFP must be physically received no later than 2:00 p.m. MST on May 9, 2019.

https://www.borderplexjobs.com/rfps

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW)

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), the workforce development board for Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties in Washington State, is seeking quotes from organizations able to assist in developing an Apprenticeship Guidebook.

The guidebook should include outlines of apprenticeship programs in Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties that serve businesses and partners in key industries in Southwest Washington. WSW will support Bidder by providing preliminary research regarding apprenticeship programs and the apprenticeship creation process. Bidder will handle all aspects of researching current apprenticeship programs, compiling research, and the design of the guidebook in online and PDF formats.

Proposal Due Date: May 10, 2019, 5 p.m. PDT


NAWB Career Center Current Openings

NAWB members can submit and view career postings from other members.

Recent Postings:

- Director
- Executive Director
- Senior Vice President of Finance

NAWB members can log in to their accounts to view the full listings. Click here to view the full postings.

NAWB Member Stories

NAWB Awards For Outstanding Leadership in Workforce Development

Laurie Moran Partnership Award: Capital Area Workforce Development Board and Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

The Awards Committee was very impressed with the long standing collaboration between the workforce development board and the local chamber of commerce. The leadership and innovation you have collectively put forth to serve the inner-city and the more rural sections of the region governance system are impressive. The strategies to engage the entire community so that all citizens of the region have access to good paying jobs is applauded.

WIOA Trailblazer Award: West Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board

The Awards Committee was very impressed with the governance system and collaborative efforts the WDB has put forth with WIOA partners to provide integrated services and cross-training staff. The focus on innovation, customer service and collaboration contributed significantly to the value the workforce board brings to the community.
W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award: HydraForce, Inc.

HydraForce Inc. is a private global manufacturer of hydraulic cartridge valves, manifolds, and electro hydraulic controls. Hydraforce has consulted and partnered with the Lake County Workforce Ecosystem endorsed by the Workforce Development Board to identify recruitment, apprenticeship, internal training, high school engagement, and transportation strategies to meet immediate and long-term talent and development needs. The Ecosystem is a network of partners in Lake County that ensures businesses have access to a pipeline of talent and deploy retention strategies that promote business growth. HydraForce's focus on talent development, American Job Center collaboration, and nontraditional strategies have achieved measurable results for Hydraforce.

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Thank you to our Industry Partners

- NC3
- National Association of Landscape Professionals
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
- AHLEF
- CompTIA

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News From Our Industry Partners

Certifications

How To Deliver Certifications

The National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) presents its model for state-of-the-art, hands-on education and industry credentialing.

Construction

Associated Builders and Contractors Honors Student Winners of Annual Construction Management Competition

Twenty-one teams of undergraduate students from colleges and universities nationwide put their construction project leadership skills to the test during Associated Builders and Contractors' annual Construction Management Competition at ABC Convention 2019 in Long Beach, California, March 24-28. The four-person teams, which were assigned to complete the same construction management project over two days, received awards in five categories at the Careers in Construction Awards ceremony at the convention's conclusion.
Restaurant

**Earn While You Learn - Building a Career in Restaurant Management**

The NRAEF apprenticeship program provides both new and current restaurant and foodservice employees the opportunity to advance their careers and move into higher paying management positions. Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), apprenticeship is a "win-win" for both the employee and his or her company. Benefits include reduced turnover, increased productivity and improved employee satisfaction.

Retail

**The National Retail Federation Foundation Provides Retail Credential Programs**

The NRF Foundation has brought together dozens of retailers and nonprofits to present RISE Up, a groundbreaking training and credentialing initiative designed by the retail industry to help people - regardless of educational background, economic means or age - acquire the skills they need to land jobs in retail and advance into promising careers.

Hospitality and Lodging

**The American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation Releases Annual Report**

The AHLEF's report cites their efforts in promoting hospitality careers through their hospitality apprenticeships, scholarships and more. In 2018 the program enrolled nearly 400 apprentices in more than 35 states across the country for over 25 different employers.

Information and Technology

**Get Certified for the IT Industry with CompTIA**

CompTIA's comprehensive IT certifications cover fundamentals, wired and wireless device troubleshooting, and IT security. These programs are effective training investments for those seeking new employment.

Landscaping

**Landscape Management Apprenticeship Program**

The new program, sponsored by the National Association of Landscape Professionals and registered by the Department of Labor, offers job seekers a path to a new career through a paid apprenticeship with a landscape company that includes on-the-job training. Learn more about our Industry Partners

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