On the last day of The Forum 2019, NAWB President Ron Painter facilitated a panel of Assistant Secretaries from the DOL, DOE and HHS about workforce development. On the panel were Scott Stump, Molly Conway, Clarence Carter and Johnny Collett. We thank each of them for their participation in the panel and for the fascinating discussion about the Federal government's work in developing the nation's workforce. 

Watch the video here.

On the panel were:

**Scott Stump** (seated left)
Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education
Dept. of Education

**Molly Conway** (seated second from left)
Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration
Chief Of Staff, Office of the Secretary
Dept. of Labor

**Johnny Collett** (seated second from right)
Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Dept. of Education

**Clarence Carter** (seated right)
Director of the Office of Family Assistance
Acting Director of the Office of Community Services at HHS' Administration for Children and Families

**Molly Conway Announced as new Department of Labor Chief of Staff**

The Department of Labor (DOL) has announced that Molly Conway will replace Nick Geale effective June 1 as chief of staff to Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta. Congratulations to Molly on her position and her leadership in workforce development.
New Workforce Central Podcasts

Steve Wooderson, CEO of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), Rita Martin, Deputy Director of CSAVR, and Kathy West-Evans, Director of Business Relations for CSAVR, join the program to discuss the impact that technology has had on vocational rehabilitation, the changing demographics of who is served, as well as industry trends. Click here to listen.

In the previous episode, 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.

Funding Opportunities

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

Program Year 2019 Planning Guidance for National Farmworker Jobs Program Career Services and Training Grantees and Housing Grantees
In accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), new four-year NFJP grants went into effect on July 1, 2016. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is issuing the Program Year (PY) 2019 grant allocations for NFJP grantee planning purposes to submit applications (including program plans) for PY 2019. This TEGL provides preparation and submission instructions and conveys grant allotments for Program Year (PY) 2019.

Estimated Total Program Funding: $87,842,000
Award Ceiling: $8,791,201
Full Announcement

Revised Program Year 2018 Funding Levels for WIOA Title I Adult/Dislocated Worker/Youth Activities Program Allotments; and PY 2018 Allotments for Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Services (ES) Program
Posted Date: May 22, 2019
Current Closing Date for Applications: Jun 03, 2019
Estimated Total Program Funding: $2,710,000
Award Ceiling: $374,413
Full Announcement

National Dislocated Worker Reserve: Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities
WORC Grants
The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration plans to award approximately $28.5 million in demonstration grant funds to support alignment of workforce development with existing strategies and plans for economic development and diversification in rural communities in the Appalachian and Delta regions. These grant funds, awarded in consultation with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA), will focus on rural areas hardest hit by economic transition and which have recovered slowly. These grants will be focused on the areas within the Appalachian region and Lower Mississippi region.

Approximately $28.5 million
Anticipated Publication: May 2019
Awards Made: September 2019
Full posting available here

State Apprenticeship Expansion: ETA-TEGL-17-18
The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces the availability of approximately $73,000,000 in grant funds. This guidance plans to further support statewide apprenticeship expansion by granting FY18 apprenticeship funds appropriated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. This new funding opportunity has three primary goals:

1. To expand the number of apprentices in RAPs nationwide;
2. To support and encourage RAP diversification, including increasing the diversity of apprentices and growing apprenticeship across industry sectors; and
3. support the integration of RAPs into state workforce development, education, and economic development strategies and programs, ensuring that apprenticeship is a viable career path for youth, adults, career seekers as well as a valuable workforce development strategy for businesses.

Approximately $73 million.
Issue Date: May 03, 2019
Closing Date: June 03, 2019
Full posting available here.

Program Year 2019 Planning Guidance and Allotments for SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program)
The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) releases grant planning guidance each program year to advise SCSEP grantees of the number of authorized positions and associated allotments for the program year and ETA's requirements for obligating funding to grantees. This TEGL provides SCSEP state, territorial, and national grantees with the PY 2019 SCSEP allotments and instructions for PY 2019 grant submissions. Please review entire TEGL for instructions on submitting Programmatic Assurances and Optional Requests documents as Attachments.

Estimated Total Program Funding: $397,288,000
Award Ceiling: $45,332,704
Original Closing Date for Applications: Jun 17, 2019
Full Announcement

National Employer Policy, Research, and Technical Assistance Center on the Employment of People with Disabilities
Award Ceiling:$8,000,000
Original Closing Date for Applications: Jun 24, 2019
Full Announcement

Job Corps Scholars Program - Notice of Intent: ETA-FOA-19-03-NOI
This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the Employment and Training Administration’s notice of intent for a future funding opportunity.
The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces the availability of approximately $23,738,000 in grant funds. Eligible applicants include two-year, public community colleges; accredited, public two- and four-year historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs); and accredited tribal colleges and universities (TCUs). The Job Corps Scholars Program will enroll Job Corps eligible youth and provide those enrolled with intensive counseling services to support and facilitate each student’s employment and career success.
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)).

View More Funding Opportunities Here.

Meet Fellow NAWB Members and Our New Regional Liaisons

NAWB has selected Regional Liaisons for every DOL region that will serve as your regional NAWB point of contact. This individual will facilitate regional discussions both virtually and in-person to discover workforce trends and the needs and issues of your workforce board.

The regions are based on the DOL's 6 regions, as below:

Congratulations to the Regional Liaisons that were selected. Everyone here at NAWB is
excited to be working with you to better serve the needs of workforce boards. The Liaisons for each region are:

**Lenore Sealy** - Region 1  
Executive Director at CNY Works (New York)

**Susie Snelick** - Region 2  
Workforce Investment Board Director  
North Central Workforce Investment Board (Pennsylvania)

**Stephanie Deese** - Region 3  
Executive Director  
North Carolina Association of Workforce Development Boards (NCAWDB)

**Kelly Folks** - Region 4  
Deputy Division Manager  
Arapahoe/Douglas Works! at Arapahoe County (Colorado)

**Lisa Bly** - Region 5  
Executive Director  
The Workforce Connection (Illinois)

**Mark Mattke** - Region 6  
Chief Executive Officer  
Spokane Workforce Council (Washington)

**Engage with Your Region's Liaisons and Workforce Boards**

This summer, NAWB will be hosting virtual meetings for each region, co-hosted with the Regional Liaisons. NAWB will be sending out invites to workforce boards across the country. Directors and Chairs should expect this email invite shortly.

Until then, NAWB members can introduce themselves to other members in their region in our new **Regional Discussion Groups**. Feel free to also share best practices or topics you would like discussed during the meeting.

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**NAWB Member Spotlight: Madison-Bond Workforce Innovation Board (WIB) Releases Video on Soft Skills Crucial for Employment**

NAWB member workforce board Madison-Bond Workforce Innovation Board released a **video** on soft skills that workers need to succeed. The video features 14 area business and education leaders as well as NAWB's Ron Painter introduced the video.
May 21
Arkansas Money and Politics
*View from the Senate: New Workforce Plan to Reduce Duplication of Programs*
New legislation in Arkansas (ACT 1079) brings all career education and workforce training into one system. They will be under a board known as the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, whose members will be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

AI News
*93% of firms committed to AI - but skills shortage posing problems*
Many firms have invested in AI technology but more than half do not have the required in-house talent to execute their strategy.

KESQ
*Feds highlight Sunline Transit Agency efforts on zero-emissions*
The Federal Government highlighted the work of Sunline Transit Agency, for its efforts to promote and provide education on green technology.

May 20
Forbes
*Three Steps to Promoting Productivity in the Workplace with AI*
James Freeze, CMO at Interactions, highlights three ways in which future workplaces can prioritize productivity using both digital and human employees.

May 17
Wabash Valley (Indiana)
*Department of Workforce Development encourages trade and education to decrease unemployment*
Vigo County, Indiana is working to assess its strengths and weaknesses surrounding workforce development. Officials believe focusing on training and education could decrease the 5.1% unemployment rate as skills and education, not jobs, are the problem.
NAWB members can post openings at their workforce board or other organizations. Log in to view the openings or post your openings.

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

Recent Postings:

Chief Operating Officer
Spokane, Non-Profit
Career Path Services 5/22/2019

Manager, Job Seeker Services
Fairfield, California Non-Profit
Workforce Development Board of Solano County 5/21/2019

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

**NAWB Member Career Center (login to view)**

**NAWB Member Discount: Life Skills Education by Aztec Software**
Certifications Are Only Part of the Skills Gap Solution

While certifications provide excellent skills training, NC3 uses personal stories to show us that hard work, focus and leadership are crucial skills as well.

Construction
ABC Members Invest $1.6 Billion in Workforce Development Annually, New Survey Finds

According to the results of Associated Builders and Contractors’ 2019 Workforce Development Survey, ABC members invested $1.6 billion to educate their employees in 2018, resulting in nearly twice as many course attendees receiving craft, leadership and safety education to advance their careers in commercial and industrial construction.

Restaurant

National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Kicks Off Community Collaborative to Train Chicago Youth, Reentry Population for Restaurant Careers

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) announced yesterday a new community collaborative between local restaurants, nonprofits and its Restaurant Ready program to train young people disconnected from the workforce and formerly incarcerated populations in work-readiness skills to prepare them for careers in restaurants and food service.

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
CompTIA Explores New Certifications
Leading tech industry association evaluates new credentials in data analytics/science, Python security and expert level technical skills.

Landscaping

3 Ways to Take a More Active Approach to Employee Recruiting
Caitlin Clineff, recruiting specialist and company ambassador for Myatt Landscaping in Raleigh, shares how he is approaching employee recruiting strategies.

Learn more about our Industry Partners

Log into your NAWB member account to access the above member benefits.

Would you like NAWB to spotlight your workforce board in our newsletter? If you have a news story about your board's work or best practices, contact NAWB Communications Associate Robert Forristal at forristalr@nawb.org.

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