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Registration for the premiere workforce development conference, The Forum, is now open with the early bird rate ending November 21st. The Forum takes place at The Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. from Saturday, March 21st, to Tuesday, March 24th.

Throughout our intensive workshops, collaborative roundtables, and thoughtful dialogue from main stage speakers, we will explore the next chapter in workforce development, giving Forum attendees a chance to be part of a national conversation on the future of work.

NAWB is pleased to offer an early bird registration discount to all attendees that register by Thursday, November 21st. NAWB members receive an additional, significant discount on registration. Now is the best time to become a member!

Register now for Forum 2020!

Need approval to attend Forum? We put together this request letter request letter to help you get through the process.

Workshop RFP

Be a workforce leader and present a workshop of your best practices and strategic initiatives at The Forum! Deadlines for proposals are this Friday, November 22! Apply Here

Awards Nominations

NAWB is now accepting nominations for the Forum 2020 awards, given to workforce boards and other organizations who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and innovation in developing their local workforce. The deadline to apply for all awards is January 7th, 2020. Click below to learn more:

Laurie Moran Partnership Award

WIOA Trailblazer Award

W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award

Workforce Executive Bootcamp
In 2019 the National Association of Workforce Boards partnered with the California Workforce Association to launch the first ever NAWB Executive Boot Camp. This three-session 9-month program covered the topics of Personal/Internal Development, State and National Workforce trends, Effective Partnership and Collaboration, Advocacy and Communication Strategies, Fund Diversification, Running excellent Board Meetings and many more!

Through the Capstone Project the Inaugural NAWB Executive Boot Camp class was encouraged to choose a topic that they felt was relatable to the current work they are doing in their own State's and Workforce agencies. Topics like Technology and Data, Employer Partnerships, Workforce Partnerships, and Apprenticeships were developed as topics of focus. Capstone Project topics are selected before the first session, are then discussed throughout the 9-month course on individual and mentorship calls, and culminate in a presentation to the NAWB Board of Directors at the final Boot Camp session in Washington D.C.

Here are some quotes from the inaugural NAWB Boot Camp class of 2019.

"A great way to connect with colleagues around the country, ask questions, and learn about best practices. We grew together as a team and I walked away with a group of individuals that I trust and will remain connected to." - Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director, Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Board

"I gained an understanding of the National Landscape of Workforce Development. With a variety of states represented in the cohort, I was able to learn about various structures, funding models and workforce systems across the country." - Dr. Lisa Bly, Executive Director, Rockford Illinois

We are pleased to announce registration for the 2nd NAWB Boot Camp season. This is an experience you don't want to miss!! To learn about registration/info, please click the following link:https://forum.nawb.org/forum/bootcamp

For questions/concerns regarding NAWB Boot Camp, please contact Matthew Hayes at mhayes@calworkforce.org.

NAWB Releases Apprenticeship Op-ed for National Apprenticeship Week

In case you missed it, in celebration of National Apprenticeship Week last week (November 11-17), NAWB released an op-ed on how apprenticeships are critically important in closing America's skills gap.

"As Americans stand at the precipice of a new decade, the future of our economy is dependent upon a skilled workforce. With it being National Apprenticeship Week, we should celebrate the efforts of local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) in developing and upskilling the future workforce of our nation."

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Workforce Board Helps Mother of Three Complete Nursing School

Myranda was a full-time nursing student at North Central Michigan College, while also working a full-time job and taking care of her family and three children. She constantly worried about how she was going to afford textbooks, classes, supplies, etc.

When she discovered the Class Room Training (CRT) program through Michigan Works!, she immediately took advantage of the opportunity to jump on board with financial assistance for school. Thanks to the assistance that this program offered, she was able to cut back some hours at work with little worry about making ends meet for her family, and keep her focus on the most important thing, nursing school.

Thanks to the help MW! provided, Myranda participated in the Student Nurses Association, received her Associates of Applied Sciences in Nursing, and passed the NCLEX exam.

See her story here. Have a workforce development success story? Share it with workforceinvestmentworks.com!

Aspen Institute Hosts Webinar: Success in Workforce Programs for Parents

A key outcome of the Aspen Postsecondary Success for Parents Initiative at Ascend has been a deepened understanding of the range of high-quality postsecondary pathways available to students who are parents including workforce development programs.

As a follow-up to our "Success in Workforce Programs for Parents" roundtable in spring 2019 and the recent release of our same-titled brief, please join us for a webinar to understand the experience of parents in workforce programs and to explore more family-supportive strategies. Our speakers include:

- Laura Kohn, Director of Early Workforce Development, San Diego Workforce Partnerships
- Kelly Middleton-Banks, Manager of Program Implementation, National Association of Workforce Boards
- Jacqueline Edwards, Assistant Director, Maricopa County Human Services Department
- Melissa Guzman, Parent Participant
New Workforce Central Episode: Making Career Tech Accessible For All

E86: Making Tech Careers Accessible For All

Mark Plunkett, Senior Director of Business Development at CompTIA, joins the program to discuss the current state of careers in technology, the need for talent, and what employers are looking for. He also reveals what workforce boards need to think about when it comes to helping to attract individuals into tech careers, and how to make tech jobs accessible to all.

If you're interested in a discussion with Mark and the CompTIA Custom Training team, you can contact him at mplunkett@comptia.org.

Takeaways from the episode:

- Tech jobs can be found across every industry
- 89% of IT professionals hold at least one certification
- A four year degree is not required for a tech career
- Workforce boards are important partners in building a talent pipeline

Listen here

Learn more about CompTIA, the leading not-for-profit trade association representing the global technology industry and its workforce.

Would you like to be a guest on Workforce Central? Apply here

NAWB Member Career Openings
NAWB members can submit and view full career postings from other members.

**Recent Job Postings:**

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NAWB members can post their open positions for free, non-members for a small fee.

**Visit Our Career Center (click Search Openings)**

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**NAWB Member RFPs**

**CareerSource Flagler Volusia (FL) Seeks Career Center Operator**

CareerSource Flagler Volusia is currently seeking proposals for Career Center Operator, Career and Training Services for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Businesses, Career and Training Services for Young Adults, Other Programs and Vendor Services. Below is the full request, along with the attachments.


Proposal Deadline March 2nd, 2020 @ 4:00 PM EST

**Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board (New Mexico) Seeks One-Stop Operator**

The Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board, herein after referred to as the NALWDB (NALWDB), is requesting proposals from qualified firms to serve as the One-Stop Operator in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). As defined by WIOA, this new role will require an entity with expertise,
creativity and capability in creating collaborative agreements, strategies, and implementation plans between the Act’s required partners: Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Blind Services, Adult Education and Family Literacy, Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers, Career and Technical Education, Senior Community Service Employment Program, and Youth Build programs within the 10 county service area.

Due Date is 12/12/2019

https://northernboard.org/one-stop-operator-rfp

MassHire Metro North Workforce Board

Posted Nov 4th, 2019
One Stop Operator
https://masshiremetronorth.org/about/funding-opportunities/

To view more RFPs or if you are a NAWB member and would like to submit your RFP, click here.

Workforce News

Workforce Board Gets Local Veterans Back To Work

The Hampton Roads Workforce Council has successfully combined resources with more than 20 partners in Hampton Roads to more effectively help veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses in the region find employment. https://www.pilotonline.com/inside-business/vp-ib-expert-avery-1118-20191108-pmd7vvwnd4vhwzjgzznbqem2f37e-story.html

Rogersville Review (F:@WKUPublicRadio) (Rogersville, Kentucky)

Hawkins County recognized for workforce development achievements

In south-central Kentucky, the South-Central Workforce Development Board is helping to fill the shortage of truck drivers through a federal program that pays for training. In South Carolina, two men say the effort put them on a new road in life, thanks to those involved in the program who encouraged them at every turn.

James Boatright recently told a story of how the WDB has assisted him. He curated a story about his truck called a "yard dog." James training for a Commercial Driver's License(CDL), was paid for through the federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. Boatright said he quickly got hired as a local driver.

https://www.wkufm.org/post/federal-program-helping-put-some-kentucky-residents-right-path-and-truck#stream/0

Industry Partner Spotlights

National Coalition of Certification Centers

Join NC3 for National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day (Feb 20, 2020)
Students join their peers to commit to their future technical program pathway to sign a Letter of Commitment to their school of choice. They are committing to attending that school once they have completed their high school career. It is truly an exciting and emotional moment for everyone involved.

Individual signing ceremonies at each participating campus are held on the same day across the country and tied together by live simulcasts from NC3’s central media hub. This allows anyone who is unable to attend and those who are just curious to share in the moment with all of the students. Truly an inspiring moment for all!

Learn More

National Association of Landscape Professionals

A Landscape Apprentice Shares His Story

When a Virginia-based landscaping company announced they were going to enroll two apprentices in NALP’s Landscape Management Apprenticeship program, Ryan Janney jumped at the opportunity to become a landscape apprentice. The chance to be able to "work and go to school at the same time without digging himself into total debt" was extremely appealing.

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Learn more about Landscape Careers

Associated Builders and Contractors

A New Workforce Partnership in Wisconsin

Former Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch is partnering with ABC Wisconsin on the "Building Wisconsin Jobs Project," a brand-new push to invigorate and strengthen the effort to recruit and train a well-paid Wisconsin trades workforce.

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National Retail Federation Foundation

NRF Hosting Student Program event on Dec. 20

Just in: Executives and young professionals have joined the speaking lineup at the NRF
American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation

Serving in the Military to Serving Guests

After retiring from the military in the early 90s, Bill found a new passion in the food and beverage industry. In the last three years, he has developed an interest in running a hotel and enrolled in AHLEF’s Apprenticeship Program to further develop his management skills as an Assistant General Manager.

Learn More

CompTIA Gives Analysis on Top Tech Trends for New Decade

Technology has profoundly changed not only our workforce, but the world in many ways. CompTIA lays out how the tech industry will change and impact us as we enter a new decade.

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