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Driving the national workforce agenda and providing value-added member services

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- July 16
  UI Integrity Center Steering Committee Meeting
  Washington, DC

The Bulletin Board

NEW! The NASWA Board of Directors implemented the Workforce Innovation Awards, replacing the Salute to the Leadership Awards. This new structure allows greater emphasis on the achievements of each NASWA award, focuses on states’ innovations in workforce, and the
simplified nomination process encourages more states to participate.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS!

State Excellence Award
and
National Business of the Year Award

The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2018.

The Workforce Innovation Awards Ceremony will be held during the 2018 NASWA Workforce Summit and UI Directors' Conference | 82nd Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL September 18-21.

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Register Now! The National Association of State Workforce Agencies and the Alabama Department of Labor are hosting the Workforce Summit & UI Directors’ Conference | 82nd Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, September 18-21, 2018.

This year's conference format will be super-charged as we integrate workforce development and UI topics for the first time! The UI Directors' Conference and IT & Legal Issues Forum will be combined with the Annual Meeting, bringing a more robust, diversified and well-rounded conversation to the conference. NASWA committee meetings and the Board of Directors meeting will take place prior to the conference, September 17th, 18th and a half-day on the 19th. The Workforce Innovation Awards Dinner will be held at the Barber Motorsports complex.
September 18-19  
**Equal Opportunity Committee Meeting**  
Birmingham, AL

September 18-19  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Birmingham, AL

September 18  
**SIDES Operation Committee Meeting**  
Birmingham, AL

September 18-19  
**Communications Committee Meeting**  
Birmingham, AL

September 18-19  
**UI Interstate Benefits Subcommittee Meeting**  
Birmingham, AL

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**Did you know?**

*Birmingham was the first city in the country to celebrate Veteran's Day.*

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**2018 Legislative Priorities**

NASWA's legislative priorities advance states' efforts to ensure our nation's workforce system meets employers' needs for a qualified workforce and promote high-quality employment and careers for workers. The agenda is comprised of five main categories with 10 specific points for congressional action.


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**VETERANS CONFERENCE AGENDA FINALIZED, SPEAKER INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

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**WIOA SUCCESS STORIES**

Does your state have a WIOA success story? Submit to [naswa@naswa.org](mailto:naswa@naswa.org)
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Governor Dannel P. Malloy recently announced that he appointed Scott Jackson, who is currently the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Labor (CTDOL), to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Services (DRS).

With Jackson's departure from CTDOL, Governor Malloy appointed the agency's Deputy Commissioner, Kurt Westby, to serve as its Commissioner.

GUAM

Guam Launches NLx Microsite to Hire U.S. Construction Workers

This month, the Guam Department of Labor launched a new microsite provided by the National Labor Exchange (NLx) to enhance recruitment efforts for U.S. workers. The microsite, guambuildupmatters.jobs, is part of a larger push to raise awareness.
throughout the nation about federal contracts for infrastructure construction projects at Marine Corps Base Guam.

Read more ...

MINNESOTA

Minnesota expands work opportunities for young people with disabilities

Minnesota's recent transformation to the way it approaches job services for thousands has been dramatic. Read More ...

UTAH

Utah funds more than $1.8 million in grants for workforce development

Talent Ready Utah grants bring industry, education and government together to support Utah industries and workers. Read more ...

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation released videos, tools and resources to help both employers and employees better understand the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

View more...

What's Happening Nationally

COLLABORATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT SYSTEMS CREATES EFFICIENCIES, COST SAVINGS

"Growing pains and early deployment issues may come with the territory according to [Scott B.] Sanders, but consortiums and similar partnerships hold the potential to power through and redefine agencies' public images, erasing bad impressions formed by labyrinthine processes and long minutes lost on hold. These updates can cut both ways, serving residents more quickly but also
empowering agencies to pivot staff more effectively - from taking calls, where they’re no longer needed, to handling claims, as in Louisiana."

Read More from govtech.com

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**RECRUITMENT MARKETING SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL EMPLOYERS**

DirectEmployers "For years, DirectEmployers has been known for its OFCCP compliance and recruitment marketing solutions. Now, with the launch of Recruit Rooster, we are taking our recruitment solutions further than ever before," commented DirectEmployers’ Executive Director and Recruit Rooster's Chief Executive Officer, Candee Chambers. "We have the unique positioning and established authority to help employers expand their brand by offering superior marketing abilities, all while maintaining an affordability that is unmatched in the industry."

Read more

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**U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approves legislation to increase funding for RESEA, Adult Basic Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Hold the line on WIOA:**

Yesterday, the Senate released its proposed bill. NASWA has prepared a comparison between yesterday’s Senate proposed FY19 budget vs House FY19 budget vs the FY18 Omnibus Bill for your review. With both a Senate and House version available, the bill will now go to conference committee. We will continue to review the Senate FY19 proposed bill and will provide additional comments as necessary. The bill will now go to conference committee if passed by the full Senate.

Funding Levels in the FY19 Proposed Budget:

- WIOA same as FY18 Omnibus
- Governor’s set aside maintained at 15%
- Adult Basic Education increased $25M
- Vocational Rehabilitation increased $69 million
- Wagner Peyser same as FY18 Omnibus (higher than House version)
- UI admin cut $123.8M or 5% (same as House)
- RESEA increased $30M (includes base of $117M and $33M additional from RESEA provision in bipartisan budget agreement-same as House)
- Apprenticeships increased $15M - higher than FY18 Omnibus and House
- Some additional TAP funds for Vets to pilot apprenticeships

View the press release

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**WLMI PARTNERS MEET VIRTUALLY**

Earlier this month, a representative from NASWA and ten other “workforce & labor market information” (WLMI) partners convened virtually to discuss how states use the federally-funded Workforce Information Database (WID), and to share organizational and programmatic updates.

This was the fourth meeting of the WLMI Partners. NASWA’s WLMI Committee is one
of eleven partner organizations that have agreed to meeting quarterly, including once a year in person, in order to share views and collaborate on moving the WLMI system forward. The NASWA WLMI Committee was instrumental in forming the partnership. Other organizations include USDOL ETA, Census Bureau, BLS, WDQC, LMI Institute, Projections Managing Partnership, NASWA WITSC, the Analyst Resource Center, and O*NET.

NASWA in Action

WELCOME NEW NASWA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS!

At the NASWA Board meeting in St. Louis this month, two new board members were appointed. Richard McPherson, Oklahoma, will serve as Executive Board Secretary and Mark Henry, Mississippi, as Past President.

![Secretary Richard McPherson Oklahoma](image1)

![Past President Mark Henry Mississippi](image2)

SIDES ON THE ROAD

Jamie Abbott represented State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) at the National SHRM conference this month in Chicago, IL. There were more than 17,000 attendees at the conference.

NASWA POLICY DIRECTOR OFFERS ASSISTANCE AS RESUME MENTOR

Lori Adams, NASWA Veterans Policy Director, was one of several "speed mentors" who offered resume assistance at the recent Virginia Women Veteran's Summit. "Paving Pathways Through Mentorship" offered attendees a chance to network, and gain information on a variety of topics during the 90 minute session. Over
SPONSORSHIP AND AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship Opportunities are available now for NASWA 2018 conferences. Contact Deja’ Morrison with questions and to make your sponsorship selection.

View the Sponsorship Prospectus

The 2018 NASWA Affiliate program forges alliances between NASWA and businesses that operate within the workforce system, and provides collaboration opportunities with NASWA members on key issues. Contact Brooke Higdon with questions.

REGISTER NOW

2018 NASWA SPONSOR AND AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP NOW FULL-FLEDGED COMMITTEE

This month at the NASWA Board Meeting in St. Louis, the Board voted to install the Communications Workgroup as a full-fledged Committee. The next in-person Communication Committee meeting will take place in conjunction with the 2018 NASWA Workforce Summit and UI Directors’ Conference | 82nd Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL September 18-21.

REGISTER NOW

700 women Veterans attended the two-day summit.

Lori also attended 2018 Washington State Veterans Summit held at Lake Chelan, WA, on June 13 to provide NASWA updates.

NASWA Services

INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT FUNDING REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

To achieve its mission as a laboratory of innovation for state integrity strategies, the Integrity Center developed the Integrity Improvement Investment Funding (IIIF) program to support integrity efforts being pursued by states.

Read more...
SIDES WEBINAR

Join us on July 11, 2018 at 1:00pm EDT for our next free monthly webinar featuring SIDES with employers who connect through E-Response. During this one hour session, you will:

- Preview the upcoming changes to the Separation Information exchange, scheduled to go live Summer 2018
- Listen to how SIDES has impacted the processes of employers who connect through E-Response
- Hear what states are doing to create a successful help desk

Register Now!

SIDES TOOLKIT

Have you taken advantage of the SIDES Interactive Toolkit yet? Complete your state self-assessment of your SIDES processes and preview successful practices from other state agencies.

Workforce Classifieds

Have you seen the jobs available on our Workforce Jobs page?

View the most recent job listings or email webmaster@naswa.org to submit a workforce development-related job.

Please send relevant content for the newsletter to the NASWA Director of External Affairs, Michelle Marshel.

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