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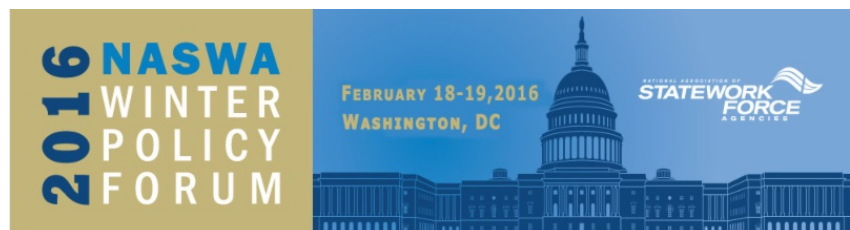
[A&F Committee Meeting](#)

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 -
 Wednesday, January 20, 2016
 Location: Biloxi, MS

WIOA National Convening

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 -
 Thursday, January 28, 2016.
 Location: Washington, DC

Winter Policy Forum 2016: Early Registration Taking Place Now



The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 and the NASWA Winter Policy Forum will be held Thursday February 18, 2016 through Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

[NASWA's annual Winter Policy Forum](#) serves as the premier event for

[UI/IB Subcommittee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 -

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Location: San Antonio, TX

[Winter Policy Forum 2016 / Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 -

Friday, February 19, 2016

Location: Washington, DC

[UI Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training Conference](#)

Monday, March 14, 2016 -

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Location: Tuscon, AZ

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

[UI Committee Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - Friday,

March 18, 2016

Location: Tuscon, AZ

[Equal Opportunity Committee Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - Friday,

March 18, 2016

Location: Tuscon, AZ

Save the Date

Administration and Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2016 - Friday, April 8, 2016

Location: San Antonio, TX

Labor Market Information Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2016 - Friday, April 22, 2016

Location: Arlington, VA

Technology Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2016 - Friday, April 22, 2016

Location: Arlington, VA

state workforce agency administrators and other workforce agency professionals to hear from and examine current economic conditions in the U.S. with national experts in the field. There will be discussions on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the legislative outlook, and other important issues facing policymakers and practitioners.

Early Registration: \$475 (Ends January 22, 2016)

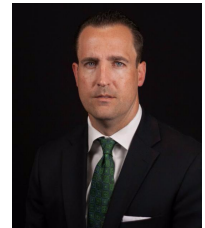
General Registration: \$525 (Ends February 5, 2016)

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NASWA Committee News

Henning Appointed as Chair of Unemployment Insurance Committee

NASWA is pleased to announce that Patrick W. Henning Jr. (CA) has been appointed by the NASWA Board of Directors to serve as Chair of the Unemployment Insurance Committee for the 2016 Association year. Patrick currently serves as Director of the California Employment Development Department, which includes California's unemployment insurance program. [Read more ...](#)



Save the Date! 2016 Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training, March 14-16, 2016

Please save the date for NASWA's **2016 Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training** from **March 14 - March 16, 2016**, in Tucson, Arizona. Registration and hotel information will be available soon through the NASWA website.

[Read More ...](#)

Advocacy & Policy Updates

NASWA Touts Successful Advocacy for Restoration of State Set-Aside

With the state set-aside being restored to 15%, states will receive more than \$145 million in additional funds. Included in the omnibus spending bill was also the extension of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and increases in Adult, Youth and Dislocated Worker Funds. [Read More ...](#)

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Federal Legislation (Fiscal Note)



NASWA has partnered with [Fiscal Note](#) to provide state workforce agencies a FREE tool to track legislation across all 50 states, D.C. and Congress. NASWA is offering a FREE webinar this week for more information on the benefits of using

[Fiscal Note](#).

Webinar on Fiscal Note

Wednesday, Jan 6th, 3:00pm - 4:00pm (EST)

What to expect: Overview of the platform, Quick Demo, Q+A

[REGISTER HERE FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

If your state needs a Fiscal Note account, email knaud@naswa.org

Congress Kicks-Off Second Half of 114th Congress

With the 114th Congress at its mid-way point, work resumes this week, but less time will be spent in Washington, D.C. due to the November elections.



[House Calendar](#)

[Senate Calendar](#)

Congressional Leaders indicate less appropriations drama for 2016

Following the mid-December negotiations over the 2016 federal budget, both House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), indicated they would not repeat the same mistakes that almost shut down the government last year.

[Read More ...](#)

What's Happening in the States...

Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) Hosts Webinar on Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Automated System



The LWC automated their WOTC system in August, 2015 and are hosting a webinar for other states to learn more about this system.

WEBINAR: [Louisiana's WOTC Automated System](#)

Friday, January 8, 2016

11:00am to 12:00pm (Central Time)

[Register Here](#)

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development receives 2015 Full Employment Award

Each year, the American Institute for Full Employment gives its Full Employment Award to a state that demonstrates



exceptional commitment and innovation in helping Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants more effectively and efficiently return to work and avoid long-term unemployment. This year, the award was given to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

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NLx Briefings



First Time Connection for State Workforce System to Federal Veterans' Job Portal

Over the last two years, the National Labor Exchange (NLx), a jobs-feed established through a public-private partnership between NASWA and DirectEmployers, has been providing the job openings content for the [Veterans Employment Center \(VEC\)](#). NLx job openings are 'fed' to the VEC from state workforce agency job banks, employers and USAjobs.gov. This marks the first time the state workforce system has been connected to a federal veterans' job portal. [Read more ...](#)

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