



AGENDA

Gaylor National Hotel

201 Waterfront Street | National Harbor, MD

Note: Name badges are required for meeting attendance | Pickup at Hospitality Desk.

Thursday, February 26, 2026 | Baltimore 1 -2

7:30 – 8:30 am **Hosted Breakfast | Woodrow Wilson A**

8:30 – 9:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Nicol Nicola**, Chair and Director, Division of Economic & Demographic Research, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

9:00 – 10:15 am **Committee Business**

- **Innovation and Awards Subcommittee**
 - Nomination Showcase
- **Policy Subcommittee**
 - New LMI Director's Resource Guide
- **R User Group**
- **NASWA Updates**
 - Legislative Priorities
 - UI Modernization Webinar
 - Jobs in Demand Report
 - Industries of Ideas Project
 - NLx Research Hub Update

10:15 – 10:30 am **Networking Break**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Breakout Table Discussions**

We're experimenting with a different approach to the state roundtable! Select from the topics below for facilitated peer discussions. Two 30-minute sessions with option to switch topics halfway through.

- **UI Wage Records: Data Collection & Use Cases**
- **Being an LMI Manager in Times of Uncertainty**
- **Data Visualization and Communicating LMI**
- **BLS: Program Challenges and Updates**

The last 30 minutes will be reserved for report outs for each table to share the major themes from their discussions.

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Hosted Lunch | Woodrow Wilson A**

1:30 – 2:00 pm	State Spotlight: Data Insights & Innovation Award Winner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The winner of the 2026 Data Insights and Innovations Award will be announced at Winter Policy Forum on February 25, 2026.</i>
2:00 – 3:15 pm	WLMI Modernization Activity
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Policy Subcommittee Work • Reviewing and Clarifying Needs Graph • Transforming Needs into Solutions • Preview Tomorrow's Activity
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Networking Break
3:30 – 4:00 pm	JEDx Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Tyszko, Senior Vice President, Policy and Programs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation • Bob Sheets, Fellow, U.S. Chamber Foundation
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Networking Activity: Get to Know You BINGO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees will receive a sheet with squares describing different experiences and preferences. As you mingle, find colleagues who match each description and have them initial the square. Fill in as many boxes as possible and the person who fills in all the boxes first (or fills in most of them by time) wins!
4:30 pm	Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Friday, February 27, 2026 | Baltimore 1 -2

7:30 – 8:30 am	Hosted Breakfast Woodrow Wilson A
9:00 – 9:45 am	WLMI Modernization Wrap-Up
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gallery Walk & Dot Voting • Next Steps
9:45 – 10: 15 am	AI Topic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphing Interest and Access • Use Case Presentation by Dave Schmidt

- Discussion

10:15 – 11:30 am

Updates from National Partners

- **Julie Hatch Maxfield**, USDOL BLS
- **Steve Rietzke & Don Haughton**, USDOL ETA
- **Barbara Downs**, Census, LEHD
- **Jennie Allison and Tucker Plumlee**, LMI Institute

11:30 am

Wrap-Up and Adjourn