

Town Hall Level 3, 3501A-D 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Participants will gain insight about the legislative agenda and policy directions for federal workforce and education programs and initiatives. The session will include updates on major legislation pending reauthorization, including the Workforce Investment Act, the Trade Act, the Higher Education Act, and No Child Left Behind. Town Hall participants will have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with senior Federal leaders on workforce and education legislative priorities.



Moderator: Mason M. Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, DC

Mason Bishop is a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Employment and Training Administration, United States Department of Labor. In his position, Mr. Bishop is responsible for overseeing key workforce investment programs, developing and implementing workforce policies and priorities, and assisting with congressional relations and legislative issues. He also plays a lead role in the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act.

Prior to coming to the Department of Labor, Mr. Bishop was the Legislative and Marketing Director for the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, where he assisted the states with outreach efforts to employers and the public and managed various projects on behalf of the states.

He was also the Public Affairs Director for the newly created Utah Department of Workforce Services, a combined agency that integrated the service delivery of all public assistance programs, employment services, and job training programs into one department. He assisted the governor on the legislation that created the department, as well as the implementation of welfare reform in Utah.

Mason graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Public Policy at George Mason University.



Speaker: Patricia Stanley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, DC

Dr. Stanley was sworn in as the Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in mid December 2006. Selected for her comprehensive knowledge of community colleges and experience with Workforce and Adult Education, Pat's primary responsibilities are for all initiatives and policies affecting community colleges and post-secondary education.

Dr. Stanley was President of Frederick Community College (FCC) from January 1998 to August 2005 becoming FCC's sixth and first female president. Prior to joining FCC, Dr. Stanley was executive Vice-President of Cypress College in Cypress, California. Her diverse background and experiences in higher education include numerous administrative and supervisory positions from chair and staff diversity/affirmative action officer, to administrative dean. Her work on behalf of community colleges has taken her around the world on consulting assignments and to conference in Kuwait and Thailand.

Pat has been a member of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board of Directors, the Executive Committee of the Presidents Academy, and a member of the American Council of Education Commission on Women. Dr. Stanley was elected by her peers to serve as president of the Maryland Council of Community College CEO's programs.