

Workforce Innovations 2007 Conference Icons

Conference Pathways



Regional Economic Competitiveness



Workforce System Transformation



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Learning Labs  
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Modernizing Unemployment Insurance**

Room 2215B



How might the nation's unemployment insurance program be updated to meet the needs of the 21st century economy and labor force? Learn about current proposals to expand eligibility, add a wage insurance/supplement, and permit waivers for experimentation with these and other ideas. Come contribute your ideas to this important public policy debate.

**Learning Objectives:** Recognize that policy makers believe change is needed • Learn the direction of the changes being considered currently.

**Speakers:** Gerard Hildebrand, Division Chief, Office of Workforce Security, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC

**Performance Reporting for an Integrated Workforce Investment System**

Room 2203



The session will discuss the latest developments in federal performance reporting as well as highlight strategies for reporting regional outcomes as part of the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative. Learn about how states can benefit from a more flexible and integrated reporting solution to show performance results and improved services.

**Learning Objectives:** Become more familiar with current and projected ETA performance reporting requirements • Learn strategies for capturing regional outcomes.

**Speakers:** Karen Staha, Division Chief, Office of Performance and Technology, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC

**Greg Hitchcock**, Office of Performance and Technology, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC

**Michael Qualter**, Office of Workforce Investment, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC

**Policy Focus on the Senior Community Service Employment Program**

Room 2211



Learn about the latest policy news regarding the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), including policy changes as a result of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, the reforms envisioned as a result of the 2006 national grant competition, and the status of the impending SCSEP regulations.

**Learning Objectives:** Understand ETA's goals for SCSEP • Run an effective SCSEP program.

**Speakers:** Christine Ollis, Division Chief, Division of Adult Services, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC

**Policy Focus on Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) Reauthorization**

Room 2210



Current authorization for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) expires on September 30, 2007. Hear the latest on current TAA proposals before Congress, including ETA's recommendations for reform. Learn why ETA is proposing changes and how key findings from a recent TAA evaluation served as a foundation for proposed reforms.

**Learning Objectives:** Understand ETA's proposed TAA reauthorization and how it affects your state, region, or program. • Learn about key findings from the TAA evaluation which support proposed TAA changes.

**Speakers:** Mason M. Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC

## Policy Focus on WIA Reauthorization and CAAs

Room 2209



Come to this learning lab to hear the latest on reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about ETA's Career Advancement Account proposal for WIA reauthorization.

**Learning Objectives:** Become knowledgeable about ETA's proposal for WIA reauthorization and how the proposed reforms will affect your state, region, or program.

**Speakers:** *Maria Flynn, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC*  
*Brian McMahon, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of Regional Innovation and Transformation, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC, and Former Executive Director, California Workforce Investment Board*

## Registered Apprenticeship: A Key Talent Development Tool for the Workforce Investment System

Room 2207



ETA recently issued a Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) on how the Registered Apprenticeship model can be better used by the workforce investment system as part of an economic development strategy for building a skilled and competitive workforce to meet employer demand. Presenters will explain why Registered Apprenticeship is an important tool and show how it has been used effectively in various regions across the country to develop talent. Examples will include how apprenticeship can be structurally integrated into One-Stop functions as well as ways to use WIA funds to support Registered Apprenticeship programs.

**Learning Objectives:** Learn ways that the training model can be incorporated into economic development strategies.

**Moderator:** *Laura Ginsburg, Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC*

**Speakers:** *Gay Gilbert, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC*

**Anthony Swoope, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC**

**Loretta Shelley, Apprenticeship Program Manager, Kansas Department of Commerce**

## Research Showcase: Evaluation of the Career Academies Project

Room 2208



There is a strong link between Career Academies and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's high school initiatives. The core principals of the Foundations high school reform efforts are the three R's: rigor; relevance; and relationships. Career Academies embody all three principals: The school within a school structure builds relationships; employer partnerships and work based learning opportunities increase relevance, and the academic content is integrated around the career theme and rigorousness. MDRC will disseminate preliminary findings from the final Career Academies Report to interested education and workforce development leaders.

**Learning Objectives:** Explore and disseminate the Final Career Academy Report.

**Speakers:** *James Kemple, Director, K-12 Education Policy Area, MDRC, NY*

**Sheri Ranis, Senior Research Offices, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WA**

## YouthBuild: Expanding New Horizons

Room 2206



In September 2005 YouthBuild was transferred from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. This session will familiarize attendees with the YouthBuild program model, which integrates academics and occupational skill training in the construction field, highlighting its strategies for engaging and retaining older, out-of-school youth. A group of YouthBuild participants from various sites who have participated in the rebuilding of houses destroyed by Hurricane Katrina will be featured.

**Learning Objectives:** Understand the components and strategies of YouthBuild • Benefit from incorporating YouthBuild into your regional economies.

**Moderator:** *Anne Stom, Office of Workforce Investment, U.S. DOL, ETA, DC*

**Speakers:** *Lawrence Jones, Director Criminal Justice Initiative, YouthBuild, MA*

*Gulfport YouthBuild Graduates, MA*