Please Join Us

Thursday, February 19, 2015

A dependable and well-prepared workforce will be key to maintaining economic growth in the next several years. Join the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in a one-day conference to promote cross functional collaboration that helps decision-makers and practitioners identify and implement future-focused workforce enhancement strategies. Participants will learn about the latest research and information on workforce trends, policies, and practices plus find ways to collaborate on regional approaches.

U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez has been invited to update participants on the evolving regulatory environment that will shape the future of workforce development. Peter Cappelli, Director of Wharton’s Center for Human Resources, will challenge conventional wisdom that the education system is failing and propose a new approach to addressing the skills gap. An economic overview will also be provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

A plenary session will explore important demographic and economic trends shaping the current and future workforce and how data is being used to help policymakers anticipate future skill needs at the local, regional, and state levels. The afternoon will consist of panels highlighting three key components of talent development: Attracting and Retaining Talent; Upgrading Skills of the Under-Qualified; and Overcoming Barriers to Employment.

This conference will provide opportunities to hear about promising practices in workforce development, and to join with others to consider future minded strategies. We hope you can join us!

For additional information about this event, please contact Jason Keller at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago at cdpsevents@chi.frb.org.

WHEN:
February 19, 2015
8:00 AM-4:30 PM

WHERE:
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
3rd Floor Conference Center
230 S. LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60604

COST:
$50.00 - No onsite payments will be accepted. Preregistration is required.

REGISTRATION:
Kindly Register by Thursday, February 12, 2015
Register now using the link below:
http://www.cvent.com/d/c4qysh/4W

Featured Organizations
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- Bay Area Workforce Development Board
- Center for Governmental Studies Northern Illinois University
- Center for Workforce Innovations
- Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- Chicago Jobs Council
- Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Business Immigration Coalition
- Illinois Community College Board
- Institute for Work & the Economy
- Michigan Workforce Development Agency
- National Transitional Jobs Network
- Heartland Alliance
- U.S. Department of Labor
- Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
- Wisconsin Regional Training Partnerships
**AGENDA - FUTURE FOCUS: PREPARING FOR WORKFORCE 2020**

**8:00-8:15 a.m.**

**Registration**

**8:15-8:30 a.m.**

**Welcome**

Jere Boyle, Community Affairs Managing Director, Federal Reserve Bank

**8:30-8:45 a.m.**

**Welcome and economic overview**

Dan Sullivan, Executive Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank

**8:45-9:15 a.m.**

**Keynotes – The workforce in 2020: What to expect**

Peter Cappelli, Professor of Management and Director, Center for Human Resources, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

**9:15-10:45 a.m.**

Open

**10:45-11:00 a.m.**

**Break**

**11:00-12:15 p.m.**

**Using data to identify future workforce needs**

Moderator: Bridget Gainer, Commissioner, Cook County, 10th District

Norm Walzer, Senior Research Scholar, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University

Bryan Wilson, State Policy Director, National Skills Coalition

Karin M. Norington-Reaves, CEO, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership

**12:15-1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Concurrent sessions: Workforce trends and effective practices**

Panel 1: Attracting and retaining talent

Moderator: Diana Robinson, Director, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University

Dr. Alan Phillips, Executive Deputy Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education

Rebecca Shi, Director, Illinois Business Immigration Coalition

Jim Golembeski, Executive Director, Bay Area Workforce Development Board

Panel 2: Upgrading skills of the under-qualified

Moderator: Peter Creticos, President/Executive Director, Institute for Work & the Economy

Rhandi Berth, Vice President, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership

Carrie Thomas, Interim Executive Director, Chicago Jobs Council

Linda Woloshansky, President and CEO, Center of Workforce Innovations

Panel 3: Overcoming barriers to employment

Moderator: Dennis Winters, Chief Economist, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

Jennifer Foster, Deputy Director, Adult Education and Workforce Development, Illinois Community College Board

Amy Rynell, Senior Director of Research & Policy, National Transitional Jobs Network

Marcia Black-Watson, Industry Talent Director, Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan

**3:00-3:15 p.m.**

**3:15-4:25 p.m.**

**4:25-4:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**Strategic opportunities for strengthening workforce systems**

Wrap-up

Jason Keller, Economic Development Director, Federal Reserve Bank

**4:30 p.m.**

**Adjourn**