



Welcome to NASWA's 68th Annual Conference

On behalf of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, I welcome you to our 68th Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

For nearly seventy years, our Association has provided state workforce agency administrators with a voice in Washington, a forum to share policies and practices, and a means to learn from each other. Our annual conference is the highlight of each year during which our Association works diligently to improve the workforce development system through advocacy, information exchange, and liaison.

The theme of this year's conference is "On the Right Track." Just out of the gate, you will hear about the current and future economy and labor market in the first plenary session. Rounding the curves you will engage in lively discussions about the fortieth anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, services for returning military personnel, enterprise architecture, the rate of return on workforce investment services, new ideas in unemployment insurance, labor market information issues, and more. On the back stretch, you will learn about the demand-driven vision for the workforce system, how to become more demand-driven, and how Kentucky is becoming more demand-driven.

We are pleased the Commonwealth of Kentucky is the proud host of the 2004 conference. Kentucky is dedicated to making your stay in Louisville memorable. As you cross the finish line, I am certain you will agree you will remember not only the program and special events, but the exceptional hospitality of the citizens of Kentucky.

Thank you for your support and participation. Have a great conference.

Sincerely,
Catherine B. Leapheart
President