



Richard A. Hobbie, Ph.D.
Executive Director
National Association of State Workforce Agencies

Rich Hobbie has been with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) since 1998. He is NASWA's Executive Director. NASWA is an association that provides advocacy, liaison, and information exchange with the U.S. Department of Labor, Congress, states, employers, workers, news media and the general public on workforce investment programs, unemployment insurance, trade adjustment assistance, labor exchange services, and labor market information. NASWA also provides professional development and training for its members.

During his career, Mr. Hobbie has been a consultant, an Associate Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Labor, staff director of a subcommittee of the House Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. Congress and an analyst at the Congressional Research Service and the Congressional Budget Office. Mr. Hobbie is an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance Board of Directors and serves as its Treasurer. He also is on the Board of Directors of the UWC Foundation, an employer group. Mr. Hobbie served in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Hobbie is a frequent presenter at National Conferences. Recently he presented at the U.S. Department of Labor national conference entitled, *Reemployment Works*, on the recent evolution of reemployment policy in the United States. Last year he gave plenary presentations at the National Unemployment Insurance Directors Annual Conference on *Unemployment Insurance and the Economy* and at the UWC National Issues Conference on *Unemployment Insurance Administrative Financing Reform*. He also co-edited a book with Randall Eberts of the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research entitled, *Older and Out of Work, Jobs and Social Insurance for a Changing Economy*. Mr. Hobbie has been quoted in newspapers such as The Wall Street Journal and USA Today and has been heard on local and national radio, including National Public Radio.

Mr. Hobbie earned a Ph.D. degree from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University (OSU) in 1975 and also has earned Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics at OSU.