

(/)

OVERVIEW

FAQS

SPONSOR

LODGING

BACK TO NAWB

(/)  MEMBER PORTAL ([HTTPS://NAWB.USERS.MEMBERSUITE.COM/HOME](https://nawb.users.membersuite.com/home))

NAWB THE FORUM 2026



THE FORUM 2026: IGNITE. INNOVATE. IMPACT.

After 40+ years in DC, NAWB's The Forum is
rolling the dice and taking this show on the road!
First stop: LAS VEGAS – March 23–26, 2026 at The Cosmopolitan!

This is more than a venue change—it's the start of a nationwide
tour of the boldest workforce innovations in the country

Watch the Las Vegas announcement video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcqYx-wYy2E>) and get ready to pack your bags. What
happens in Vegas could change the future of work.

Watch this space for the latest updates!

NAWB members: register now
(<https://nawb.users.membersuite.com/events/df869f52-0078-ca9e-6122-0b4894236386/details>) for special Sneak Peek savings!

ABOUT THE FORUM

Why Attend:

The Forum is the premier annual event for workforce leaders, employers, educators, and partners working to build stronger communities and competitive economies. It's the one place where policy, practice, and partnership come together, equipping you with the insights, resources, and connections to drive impact at home.

Who You'll Meet and What You'll Gain:

- **Workforce Development Board Executive Directors**
Shape national policy, strengthen your leadership, and connect with peers across the country.
- **Workforce Development Board Chairs**
Gain tools for effective governance and new strategies to engage employers and community leaders.
- **Workforce Development Board Staff**
Learn practical, hands-on approaches to program implementation, operations, and innovation.
- **Employers and Business Leaders**
Discover proven talent solutions, influence policy discussions, and build partnerships to grow your workforce.
- **Chambers of Commerce**
Position your Chamber as a driver of workforce solutions with fresh data, strategies, and connections.
- **K-12 Education Leaders**
Explore employer-driven trends and build partnerships that expand career pathways for students.
- **Higher Education Leaders**
Align programs with employer demand, strengthen partnerships with WDBs, and tap into resources that expand career pathways.
- **Vendors and Consultants**
Showcase your solutions, connect with decision-makers, and expand your reach in the workforce system.

The Bottom line:

At The Forum, you'll return to work with:

- Actionable strategies to strengthen your organization

OVERVIEW

FAQS

SPONSOR

LODGING

- Partnerships that expand your impact
- Insights into the future of work, policy, and funding
- A stronger voice in shaping the national workforce agenda

Join us at The Forum 2026 to **ignite. Innovate. Impact.**



SHARE YOUR BOLD IDEAS AT THE FORUM 2026

The **Forum 2026** is where workforce leaders ignite fresh thinking, inspire innovation, and collaborate on bold solutions for the future.

We're seeking **dynamic, interactive sessions** that go beyond slide decks and Q&A—sessions that energize, engage, and equip attendees with practical tools they can use right away.

Submission Deadline: October 24, 2025

—————→ **SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL!**

([HTTPS://WHOVA.COM/CALL_FOR_SPEAKERS/TRVFVD1RHRUYQ0NJW11PRIMN2LTEHP37JTAEA5-B15NLL1QRRRC%40LLQVT5NVFMD1V/](https://who.va.com/call_for_speakers/trvfvd1rhruyq0njw11primn2ltehp37jtAEA5-B15NLL1QRRRC%40LLQVT5NVFMD1V/))

MAKE THE CASE TO ATTEND THE FORUM

In the letter below, we lay out the case for why The Forum is the must-attend event for anyone committed to building stronger workforce systems. From transformative learning opportunities to invaluable peer

connections, this is where big ideas spark and bold strategies take root.

[OVERVIEW](#)[FAQS](#)

Read on to discover why you—and your team—can't afford to miss The Forum 2026.

[SPONSOR](#)[LODGING](#)

—————→ [DOWNLOAD THIS LETTER \(HTTPS://WWW.NAWB.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2024/12/THE-FORUM-JUSTIFICATION-LETTER-SAMPLE.DOCX\)](https://www.nawb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/the-forum-justification-letter-sample.docx)



THE FORUM 2026 FAQS

We convene The Forum to learn from one another as we work to build a flourishing, resilient economy that provides for workers and families. The Forum 2026 will unite thought leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders at a moment of transformational potential.

We've answered a few of the most common The Forum-related questions for your convenience:

Where is The Forum 2026?

Is there a schedule of events?

What is the process and criteria for selecting proposals?

Is there a room block with discounted rooms for The Forum?

I am interested in sponsoring The Forum. What options are available?

Health and Safety

What is the dress code?

When should I arrive?

I'm having difficulty registering for The Forum.

When does Advance Registration end?

Advance Registration is open from Oct. 16–Nov. 16.

Rates are \$1025 for members and \$1325 for nonmembers. These are the lowest rates available, so act fast!

OVERVIEW

FAQS

SPONSOR

LODGING

What if I can no longer attend. Can I get a refund?

I need to defer my payment. How does that work?

Is there anything else I should know?

AWARDS FAQS

When are submissions due for NAWB Awards nominations?

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For almost 50 years, NAWB has convened the leading voices in workforce development at its annual event, The Forum, to foster discussion, learning, and relationship-building among the largest gathering of workforce professionals in the country. Workforce development leaders, policymakers, business leaders, educators, and economists come together to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing their communities. At the center of it all is the workforce system and the millions of Americans who have found rewarding careers through your essential services.

Are you ready to impact the national conversation about workforce development? What better place than The Forum: the nation's largest annual workforce development conference? This year, we are excited to share new opportunities to engage with our 1,100+ attendees, including:

- Premier gathering, learning, dining, and exploration space: NAWBTown
- Small group conversations on issues important to your organization
- Networking receptions, meals, and breaks to engage with attendees and workforce leaders

- Marketing materials and giveaways to grow your brand and expand your reach with the workforce

[OVERVIEW](#)[FAQs](#)[SYSTEM SPONSOR](#)[LODGING](#)

The following sponsorship packages can be further customized to meet the needs of your organization.

[Presenting Sponsor](#)

[Premier Sponsor](#)

[Platinum Sponsor](#)

[Gold Sponsor](#)

[Silver Sponsor](#)

[A La Carte Sponsorship Offerings](#)

INTERESTED IN THE FORUM SPONSORSHIP?

Contact Director, Business Development, [Jay Gentry \(mailto:gentryj@nawb.org\)](mailto:gentryj@nawb.org).

[CONTACT US \(/CONTACT-US/\)](#)

LODGING FOR THE FORUM 2026

We're glad to offer exclusive discounted rates for our attendees at The Forum venue.

Here's why staying within the block matters:

- Proximity and convenience: you'll be steps away from The Forum sessions, receptions, and networking events
- Consistent schedule flow: minimize travel and maximize your learning and connection time

OVERVIEW FAQs SPONSOR LODGING

- Support for NAWB: staying in the block helps us keep rates low, hold key room inventory, and keep overall event costs more manageable
- Rooms in our block will go fast! Early booking ensures you get for the best availability

—————→ **BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW**
([HTTPS://BOOK.PASSKEY.COM/GT/220914071?](https://book.passkey.com/gt/220914071?GTID=CB891EFC47BA75719970476F8E91B905)
[GTID=CB891EFC47BA75719970476F8E91B905](https://book.passkey.com/gt/220914071?GTID=CB891EFC47BA75719970476F8E91B905))

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

[CONTACT US \(MAILTO: NAWBForum@NAWB.ORG\)](mailto:NAWBForum@NAWB.ORG)

#NAWBForum26

(/)

LOCATE US: 1155 15TH STREET NW SUITE 725 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	CONTACT US: P: 202.857.7900 F: 202.857.7955 E: NAWB@NAWB.ORG	CONNECT WITH US:  (HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/NATIONAL-ASSOCIATION-OF-WORKFORCE-BOARDS/)  (HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/WORKFORCEBOARDS/)  (HTTPS://X.COM/WORKFORCEINVEST) 	BE INVOLVED: BECOME A MEMBER (/MEMBERSHIP/) SPEAKING REQUESTS (/SPEAKING-REQUESTS/) MEDIA REQUEST (/CONTACT-US/)
--	--	--	---

The Forum 2026 Preliminary Schedule-At-a-Glance

*times and sessions subject to change

Sunday, March 22

11 am - 4 pm Pre-conference Sessions

Monday, March 23

9 am – 1 pm Pre-conference Sessions

2 - 4 pm Pre-conference Sessions

4:30 – 5:30 pm First-Timers Session

6 – 7:30 pm Welcome Reception

Tuesday, March 24

Times TBD	Breakfast
	Opening General Session
	Concurrent Sessions
	Lunch
	General Session
	Concurrent Sessions
	Break
	Nevada State Reception

Wednesday, March 25

Times TBD	Regional breakfasts
	Opening General Session
	Concurrent Sessions
	Lunch
	General Session
	Concurrent Sessions

Thursday, March 26

Times TBD

Breakfast

Concurrent Sessions

General Session

Concurrent sessions

Send-off



Extend your stay

Use calendar to manage your stay dates

Show nightly rate with taxes and fees included [Taxes and fees](#)

Check-in

Check-out

Fri Mar 20	Sat Mar 21	Sun Mar 22	Mon Mar 23 USD 288.00	Tue Mar 24 USD 288.00	Wed Mar 25 USD 288.00	Thu Mar 26 USD 288.00
Fri Mar 27	Sat Mar 28	Sun Mar 29	Mon Mar 30	Tue Mar 31	Wed Apr 01	Thu Apr 02

Available

Selected

Event

Unavailable

Waitlist

Reservation Summary

Check-in	Mon, Mar 23, 2026
Checkout	Thu, Mar 26, 2026
Rooms	1
Guests per room	1
THE COSMOPOLITAN OF LAS VEGAS	
TERRACE STUDIO KING 1 adult, 3 nights	USD 864.00
Change rooms	
Subtotal	USD 864.00
TAXES & FEES	
Estimated Taxes on Room Rate (13.38% per night)	USD 99.95
Estimated Daily Resort Fee Room Tax (USD 7.36 per night)	USD 22.08
Grand Total	USD 986.03
Edit reservation	Next



MAR 23 - 26
✈️ **ONT** → **LAS**



You chose a Basic fare

Basic fares are non-refundable except as allowed by our 24-hour cancellation policy. Flight changes are allowed but require a fare upgrade. Customers may be eligible for a flight credit if canceled at least 10 minutes prior to the flight's original departure time. Checked bag fees may apply.

Trip & Price Details

- ✈️ Price
- Passengers
- Seats
- Payment
- Confirmation

✈️ **Flight** [Modify](#)

Mon 3/23

4072

ONT → **LAS**

8:00 AM 9:15 AM

1 hr 15 min

| Nonstop

[Basic](#)

1 Passenger | **Seat assigned** at check-in

Thu 3/26

3612

LAS → **ONT**

2:35 PM 3:45 PM

1 hr 10 min

| Nonstop

[Basic](#)

1 Passenger | **Seat assigned** at check-in

Base fare
1 Passenger(s) **\$204.98**

Taxes and fees **\$45.97**

Flight total **\$250.95**
or from \$25/mo* with **flexpay** [Learn more](#)

Helpful Information:

- All fares and fare ranges are subject to change until purchased and are per person for each way of travel.
- For more information regarding Cash + Points, visit [Southwest.com/rterms](#)

✈️ **Upgrade Flight**

Upgrade to Choice



- ✓ **NEW** Choose a Standard seat at booking¹⁵
- ✓ **NEW** General boarding¹⁶
- ✓ No cancel fee (12-month Transferable Flight Credit™ from original ticketing date)⁶
- ✓ Flight changes allowed, fare difference applies⁸
- ✓ 6x Rapid Rewards® points per dollar³
- ✓ Free same-day change/standby (*taxes and fees may apply*)⁹
- ⚠️ Checked bag fees may apply²

^{*}Please read the [fare rules](#) associated with this purchase.

Prices shown per passenger, per one-way.

☐ Upgrade departing trip for \$31

☐ Upgrade returning trip for \$30

☐ Upgrade both for \$61

[Apply upgrade](#)



Plan travel

Travel information

AAdvantage®

Log in

Choose flights

[« New search](#)

Your trip summary

Main

Round trip (non-refundable)

\$654 per person

Total \$653.75 (all passengers)

Includes taxes and carrier-imposed fees

[Price and tax information](#)

[Bag and optional fees](#)

Make my trip refundable

No change fees; cancel any time

Round trip

+\$150 per person

[Make it refundable](#)

DEPART

Ontario, CA to Las Vegas, NV

Monday, March 23, 2026

ONT

LAS

6:45 AM → **11:20 AM** 4h 35m **1 stop** Main

ONT - PHX ▪ AA1591 ▪ 321-Airbus A321

PHX - LAS ▪ AA440 ▪ 32Q-Airbus A321neo

[Details](#) | [Change](#)

RETURN

Las Vegas, NV to Ontario, CA

Thursday, March 26, 2026

LAS

ONT

2:56 PM → **8:35 AM⁺¹** 17h 39m **2 stops** Main

LAS - LAX ▪ AA2571 ▪ 738-Boeing 737

LAX - PHX ▪ AA2908 ▪ 32Q-Airbus A321neo

PHX - ONT ▪ AA1423 ▪ 738-Boeing 737

 Overnight flight or connection

[Details](#) | [Change](#)

Upgrade to Main Plusⁱ

Round trip (non-refundable)

+\$183 per person

Total \$836.74 (all passengers)

[Upgrade](#)

More seat and bag benefits

- ✓ Check 1 bag free
- ✓ Choose a Main Cabin seat
- ✓ Choose an extra legroom seat
- ✓ Board earlier with Group 5
- ✓ Changes allowed
 - Pay to choose another same-day flight
- ✓ Full refund to travel credit

Advanced Search

Traveler Info

 [Sign in](#) to your MileagePlus® account for even faster checkout.

 **Traveler 1:**

First name (required)

Last name (required)

Middle name/initial

(if shown on ID)

Date of birth (required)

Month

▼

DD

▼

YYYY

▼

Gender (required) ?

Suffix

▼

Frequent flyer program

Frequent flyer program

Frequent flyer number

Traveler contact information

ROUNDTRIP (1 TRAVELER)	✎ Revise this trip
Ontario ONT to Las Vegas LAS	
Mar 23 • 6:00 am to 10:06 am • 1 stop	
Show details	165 kg CO ₂ ⓘ
Las Vegas LAS to Ontario ONT	
Mar 26 • 1:28 pm to 6:00 pm • 1 stop	
Show details	163 kg CO ₂ ⓘ
Fare	\$817.43
1 adult 18+	\$817.43/person
Taxes and fees	\$111.31
Total due	\$928.74
or starting from <u>\$99/month</u> ⓘ	