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# **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!

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## **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

· Partnerships that expand your impact

• Insights into the future of work, policy, and funding

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· 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!

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# MAKE THE CASE TO ATTEND THE FORUM

In the letter below, we lay out the case for why The Forum is the mustattend 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.

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**FAOS** 

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

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# 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 Forumrelated 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

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nonmembers. These are the lowest rates available, so act fast!

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 FAOS

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

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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 SPONSORHIP?

Contact Director, Business Development, Jay Gentry (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

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- · 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

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# WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR **MORE INFORMATION?**

CONTACT US (MAILTO: NAWBFORUM@NAWB.ORG)

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## 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

10/16/25, 3:28 PM Extend your stay

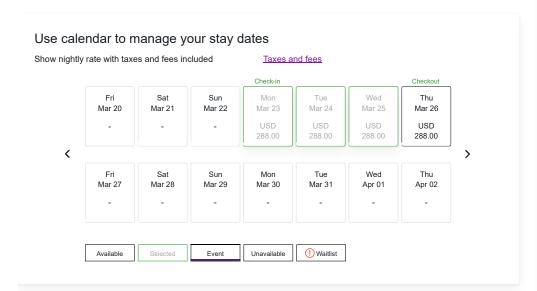


#### NAWFB Forum 2026

March 21, 2026 - March 27, 2026



# **Extend your stay**



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









### 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**





1 Passenger | Seat assigned at check-in

#### **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/rrterms

# **Upgrade Flight**

# **Upgrade to Choice**



- **NEW** Choose a Standard seat at booking 15
- **NEW** General boarding<sup>16</sup>
- No cancel fee (12-month Transferable Flight Credit™ from original ticketing date)<sup>6</sup>
- Flight changes allowed, fare difference
- 6x Rapid Rewards® points per dollar3
- Free same-day change/standby (taxes and fees may apply)9
- Checked bag fees may apply<sup>2</sup>

\*Please read the fare rules associated with this purchase.

Prices shown per passenger, per one-way.

- O Upgrade departing trip for \$31
- O Upgrade returning trip for \$30
- Upgrade both for \$61

Apply upgrade









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# Your trip summary

## Main

Round trip (non-refundable)

Total \$653.75 (all passengers)

Includes taxes and carrier-imposed fees

Price and tax information 2

Bag and optional fees 2

### 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

 $6:45 \text{ AM} \rightarrow 11:20 \text{ AM}$ 4h 35m Main 1 stop

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

8:35 AM 2:56 PM → 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 Plus

Round trip (non-refundable)

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

