

Agricultural Business and Workforce System Integration Forums

Dallas, TX: September 19-20, 2005

Orlando, FL: October 5-6, 2005

Sacramento, CA: December 14-15, 2005

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY 1

- 11:00-1:00 **Registration**
- 1:00-1:15 **Welcome** – Regional Administrator
Introductions, Agenda Review, and Announcements
- 1:15-2:00 **Vision for a Demand-Driven Workforce Investment System**
Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary
- 2:00-3:00 **Workforce Challenges for Agricultural Business: Hearing from
Employers**
Facilitator: Gay Gilbert, Administrator, Office of Workforce
Investment
Panelists: Selected Agricultural Employers and/or Association
Representatives
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:45 **Responses and Solutions to Agriculture Employer Workforce
Challenges: Discussion and Dialogue**
- 4:45-5:00 **Wrap Up**

DAY 2

- 8:00-8:15 **Agenda Review/Announcements**
- 8:15-9:00 **Expectations of the One-Stop Service Delivery System for Services to Agricultural Businesses and Workers**
Moderator: Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Panelists:
 - John Beverly, Administrator, Office of National Programs
 - Maria Flynn, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research
 - Gay Gilbert, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment
- 9:00-10:00 **Workforce System Challenges to Integration and Service Delivery**
Panel Facilitator: John Beverly, Administrator, Office of National Programs
Panelists: Selected State and/or Local Workforce Representatives
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:00 **Workforce System Challenges: Small Group Discussions**
- 11:00-11:30 **Workforce System Challenges: Report Outs and Introduction to Solutions Sessions**
- 11:30-1:00 **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00-2:15 **Solution Development: Meeting the Needs of Agricultural Employers and Farmworkers through an Integrated Workforce System**
- 2:15-3:00 **Report Out and Next Steps**
- 3:00 **Adjourn**