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## **Upcoming Meetings and Conferences**

March 8

## **The Bulletin Board**

**REGISTER NOW!**

Registration is open for the **Unemployment Insurance Interstate Benefits &**

**UI Integrity Center: Integrity Academy Webinar**

Webinar

March 13-14

**UI Integrity Center: National Integrity Academy - Basic Fraud Investigation Training**

Baltimore, MD

March 14-15

**WITSC Steering Committee Meeting**

Washington, DC

March 15-16

**ITSC Steering Committee Meeting**

Washington, DC

March 20-22

**UI Integrity Center: National Integrity Academy - Basic Fraud Investigation Training**

Indianapolis, IN

March 27-28

**UI Interstate Benefits Training and Federal Programs**

Savannah, GA



March 27-28

**Technology Committee**

Savannah, GA

March 29-30

**NLx Steering Committee**

Savannah, GA

March 29-30

**Equal Opportunity Committee**

Savannah, GA

April 2-6

**BAM Investigator Training**

Atlanta Regional Office

April 10

**UI Integrity Steering Committee Meeting**

Houston, TX

April 11-12

**2018 UI Integrity & SIDES Symposium**

Houston, TX

**Federal Programs Training** held in Savannah, GA.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline to secure a hotel room is Saturday, March 3, 2018.



Topics include:

- ICON Applications including IB-4, IB-5, IB-6 and IB-14
- New ICON UCFE Application
- UCX
- IRORA and 8606
- Combined Wage Claims
- LADT
- And more!

Join us for the **2018 NASWA UI Integrity & SIDES Symposium** April 11-12, 2018 in Houston, Texas.



**BREAKING!!** USDOL has approved travel reimbursements. View **TEN 14-17** for more information.

**2018 VETERANS CONFERENCE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED**



*Green Beret Commander Featured in '12 Strong' to be Vet Conference Keynote.*

Mark Nutsch's address will be an edge-of-your-seat, behind-the-scenes account of how a 12-man team outmaneuvered the full military force of the enemy to victory. He will also share perspectives on preparing his team of "guerrilla diplomats" for ever-evolving on-the-ground circumstances, and how resourcefulness, inventiveness, and commitment, along with adaptability, a diverse team, and a capacity to persevere enabled them to successfully accomplish

their mission. [Read More](#)



April 13  
**UI Committee Meeting**  
 Houston, TX

April 17-19  
**UI Integrity Center: Basic Fraud Investigation Training**  
 Little Rock, AR

April 19  
**UI Integrity Center: Suspicious Actor Repository Webinar**  
 Webinar

April 23-27  
**System Administration Training**  
 Washington, DC

May 9-10  
**Communications Workgroup**  
 Denver, CO



**2018 NASWA Veterans Conference**  
 July 18-20, 2018  
 Washington, DC

## NASWA Affiliates

## 2018 FINRA BROCHURES FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS NOW AVAILABLE

It's time to order the 2018 edition of the trusted and valuable free publication, **[Job Dislocation: Making Smart Financial Choices After a Job Loss](#)**. The publication is available in English and Spanish, and you may order as many as you wish. There is no cost for the brochures or shipping. Puerto Rico and several other states have already placed large orders, so don't miss out!

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## PARTNERSHIP UPDATE: STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

The National Labor Exchange's partnership with Student Veterans of America (SVA) was renewed and extended in November. The NLx has a Memorandum of Understanding with SVA to provide the Veterans Service Organization with a **jobs portal**.

The site was created in 2017, and provides all NLx jobs content - from state job banks, indexing of corporate career sites, and Federal jobs - to SVA's network of over 1,300 higher education institutions and over 500,000 student Veterans.

CEO Jared Lyon touted their partnership with the NLx at SVA's recent national conference. Lyon urged the over 2,000 student veterans in attendance to use the site to find job listings from "employers who want to hire the educated generation of veterans."

## NASWA - HILTON PARTNERSHIP HELPS JOB-HUNTING VETERANS

NASWA's partnership with Hilton™ is making the career transition easier for Veterans and Transitioning Service Members in your states.

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## WIOA SUCCESS STORIES

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## WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES



## NASWA in the News

### STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES LAUD INCLUSION OF JOB-SEEKER PROGRAM IN BUDGET DEAL

The National Association of State Workforce Agencies praised today the inclusion of funding for an employment program in the budget deal passed by Congress this morning.

The bill includes funding for the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment program, which helps states provide job-seeking services to people receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

NASWA lauded the move in an announcement today.

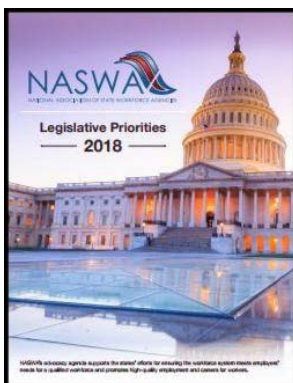
Scott B. Sanders, NASWA's Executive Director, said states have been a "laboratory of innovation" and noted the bipartisan support for the program. The program, which had previously been a pilot, will now be enshrined in law. The budget deal authorizes \$4 billion for the efforts over the next decade, a sharp increase over the roughly \$115 million it received in fiscal year 2017, according to NASWA.

By Ted Hesson, POLITICO  
02/09/2018

## Legislative Update

### 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

NASWA's legislative priorities advance states' efforts to ensure our nation's workforce system meets employers' needs for a qualified workforce and promote high-quality employment and careers for workers. The agenda is comprised of five main categories with 10 specific points for congressional action.



"NASWA's 2018 Legislative Priorities document represents a simple roadmap for Congress to achieve an even higher level of economic prosperity in the New Year through practical and affordable investment in workforce development," said Scott B. Sanders, Executive Director of NASWA. "With the labor market tightening across the nation and skilled workers harder to find than ever before, it is crucial for Congress to invest in the public workforce system so employers have the human capital they need for continued success."

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## What's Happening in the States

### ALABAMA SECRETARY OF LABOR GIVES 2017 EMPLOYMENT UPDATE



We have come to the end of yet another year, and the beginning of a new one. Every year at this time, I like to take a look back at what has been accomplished regarding our economy and the status of our state's job market. I'm proud to say that 2017 was a record-setting year for the Alabama Department of Labor in many ways! [Read More](#)

### WASHINGTON'S WORKFORCE WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday, Washington WorkSource highlights how the Washington Employment Security Department helps people find new jobs and learn new skills. Recently highlighted was a jobseeker who needed help getting back to work. [Read more](#)



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## NASWA in Action

### NASWA WEIGHS IN ON FEDERAL GUIDANCE FOR WORKFORCE INFORMATION GRANTS

Earlier this month, NASWA and other "workforce & labor market information" (WLMi) partners convened virtually to discuss the federally-funded Workforce Information Grants to States (WIGS). The LMI Committee provided feedback from its new poll of state LMI shops on the required and allowable deliverables under the WIGS. Carrie Mayne (Utah) presented the poll findings and staff from the U.S. Department of Labor expressed their appreciation for the information.

WIGS are critical to enabling LMI shops to provide workforce programs the

► **UI Program  
Modernization**

► **Consortium Planning/  
Requirements**

► **UI Modernization  
Maturity Model**

► **Fraud Detection  
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information and tools they need to serve WIOA customers. WIGS funding has fallen significantly in real terms, despite new demands on LMI shops to facilitate WIOA planning and implementation. The LMI Committee made the case for a greater share of the underlying funding source that supports the WIGS, and for aligning WIGS guidance with WIOA.

This was the third meeting of the WLMI Partners. NASWA's LMI Committee is one of eleven partner organizations that have agreed to meeting quarterly, including once a year in person, in order to share views and collaborate on moving the WLMI system forward. The LMI Committee was instrumental in forming the partnership. Other organizations include USDOL ETA, Census Bureau, BLS, WDQC, LMI Institute, Projections Managing Partnership, NASWA WITSC, the Analyst Resource Center, and O\*NET.

### STAFF MEMBER ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SOCIAL INSURANCE

NASWA Policy Director and General Counsel Julie Squire was recently elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI), joining her colleague, Policy Director Yvette Chocolaad who is an existing member. NASI is a non-profit and nonpartisan organization made up of the nation's leading experts on social insurance. Its mission is to advance solutions to challenges facing the nation by increasing public understanding of how social insurance contributes to economic security. Members are nominated by three existing members and then elected into the academy based upon distinction in improving the quality of research, administration, or policymaking in an area of social insurance.

### NASWA IN THE FIELD

NASWA recently participated in state Veteran Conferences in North Carolina and Virginia. Presentations focused on the National Labor Exchange (NLx) and updates on the activities of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Technical training on the NLx was also provided in Maine where over 30 state agency staff received operational and technical training on the NLx. If your state is interested in receiving additional training on the NLx, please contact Charlie Terrell, NLx Director, [cterrell@naswa.org](mailto:cterrell@naswa.org)

### UI IT SUPPORT CENTER (ITSC) TRAINING UPDATE: Business Analyst Boot Camp - OK



Last month, ITSC conducted Business Analyst Boot Camp for UI Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) Training in Oklahoma. This course is designed to support states in planning UI IT Modernization projects by giving UI SMEs and Business Analysts hands-on experience with techniques for developing and documenting requirements.

- ITSC has trained staff from 24 states which includes over 370 state employees in the roles of UI Subject Matter Expert or Business Analysts for their states' IT projects.
- Up next, Utah requested ITSC to return to the state to train new staff who are now in the BA role.
- If your state is interested in this training, please contact John Quichocho at [jqichocho@naswa.org](mailto:jquichocho@naswa.org).



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Coming Soon: *UI IT Modernization Survival Guide*. This training helps prepare UI SME's who will be interacting with BA and IT staff during an IT project. Visit the [UI Learning Center](#) on ITSC's website to view the Learning Catalog and learn more about training opportunities.

## UI Integrity Corner



### INTEGRITY CENTER STATE SPOTLIGHTS

Nevada implements an out-of-state employment service registration to help reduce improper payment rates due to claimants' failure to register with Employment Service (Labor Exchange) in their state of residence. [Read Nevada's spotlight.](#) (Login required)

## Workforce Classifieds

Have you seen the jobs available on our [Workforce Jobs page](#)?

View the most recent job listings or email [webmaster@naswa.org](mailto:webmaster@naswa.org) to submit a workforce development-related job.



Please send relevant content for the newsletter to the NASWA Director of External Affairs, [Michelle Marshel](#).

Sponsorship Opportunities are available now for NASWA 2018 conferences. Contact Deja' Morrison with questions and to make your sponsorship selection.

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The 2018 NASWA Affiliate program forges alliances between NASWA and businesses that operate within the workforce system, and provides collaboration opportunities with NASWA members on key issues. Contact Brooke Higdon with questions.

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