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Employers Come to Washington to Promote Targeted Solution to Nation's Skills Gap

On November 16-17, National Skills Coalition, working with partner organizations, brought a delegation of 17 employers in manufacturing, health care, construction, and clean energy to Washington to meet with policymakers to discuss skill gaps in their industries, how sector partnerships can help fill those gaps, and why the SECTORS Act is a political winner with strong bipartisan support. The group of employers and NSC staff met with White House officials from the Domestic Policy Council and Office of Management and Budget. On Capitol Hill, the group met with Senator Sherrod Brown's office (lead sponsor of the SECTORS Act) as well as Senate HELP Committee staff. At their meeting with Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of DOL's Employment and Training Administration, the group was welcomed by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. [Read more](#) and [view photos](#) from the week.



National Journal Live Broadcast: NSC Weighs in on Skills, Business Engagement

On November 17, NSC Executive Director Andy Van Kleunen joined White House Domestic Policy Council Director Melody Barnes, Lumina Foundation President Jamie Merisotis, National Journal Chief Correspondent Michael Hirsh, and panelists from National Governors Association, AFL-CIO, Business Roundtable and Northern Virginia Community College for a National Journal Policy Summit. Broadcast live from the Newseum, *Making the Business Case for Business* focused on the nation's skills gap and the role of the business community in developing a job-ready workforce. [Watch](#) the event webcast.

Harry Holzer and Evelyn Diaz Elected to NSC Board

In October, NSC's Board of Directors elected [Harry Holzer](#), Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University, and [Evelyn Diaz](#), CEO of the Chicago Workforce Investment Council to NSC's national Board of Directors. Harry is a national expert on the low-wage labor market, job quality, and worker inequality and insecurity. In 2007, he co-authored [America's Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs](#), the signature report for NSC's [Skills2Compete campaign](#). Before assuming her role as the CEO of CWIC, Evelyn served as Mayor Daley's Deputy Chief of Staff, acting as liaison to the city's human capital departments and overseeing initiatives related to poverty, jobs, and economic security. She has regularly partnered with NSC, dating back to her time as Associate Director for Chicago Jobs Council. [Learn more](#) about the individuals on NSC's board who are helping to lead the coalition's work.

Skills2Compete-Indiana Launch Reaches Broad Audience

[Skills2Compete-Indiana](#) launched its campaign in October

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with the release of [Indiana's Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs](#). The report, by Indiana Institute of Working Families and National Skills Coalition, was featured in over 50 print and broadcast outlets, including the [Associated Press](#). Backed by a broad coalition of business, labor and education leaders, the campaign is calling on state leaders to embrace a strong vision to guide an economic and education strategy that would allow all Hoosier residents to improve their skills and secure Indiana's place in a 21st-century economy.



NSC Honored by Seattle Jobs Initiative

National Skills Coalition was honored at [Seattle Jobs Initiative's](#) annual Partner Appreciation Event in November. Executive Director Andy Van Kleunen received SJI's Creating Opportunities Award on behalf of the coalition, which was recognized for its efforts to advance policies that help low-income individuals support themselves and their families through living wage careers. NSC's Skills2Compete campaign, federal budget advocacy, efforts to maintain the SNAP Education and Training program, and leadership on the SECTORS Act were highlighted. NSC is honored to receive this award from SJI, a long-time partner that is at the forefront of innovative local workforce development efforts.



Andy Van Kleunen and Anne Keeney, Executive Director of SJI

Register for NSC's Upcoming Audio Updates

Join us November 19 at 1:00 pm ET for our [State Transitions and Workforce Policy Update](#) where we'll discuss how to shift from state level election-cycle advocacy to shaping the agendas of newly elected state officials. Also register for our annual [End of Session Federal Policy Update](#) where we'll look back at federal workforce policy in 2010 and consider what the recent elections mean for federal advocacy in 2011.



Partner Resources

[Public/Private Ventures'](#) new brief— [Putting Data to Work: Interim Recommendations from the Benchmarking Project](#)—outlines five specific recommendations for public and private funders about how they can better support a culture of learning and continuous improvement across the entire workforce system.

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