



2015 BLU Washington Fly-In:
Strengthening Industry-Led Partnerships through Policy and Practice
January 14-15; Loews Madison; Washington, DC

Wednesday, January 14th

12:00 Lunch - Welcome and Introductions

Michael Tamasi, President & CEO, AccuRounds; BLU Executive Committee

- What does it mean to be a part of BLU?
- Why we're here today and why it matters
- Self-introductions

1:00 Finishing the Job We Started

Liza Smitherman, VP Professional Development, Jostin Construction Inc.; BLU Executive Committee

Washington Update: What's Happening Inside the Beltway

Kermit Kaleba, Federal Policy Director, National Skills Coalition

Angela Hanks, Senior Federal Policy Analyst, National Skills Coalition

- Current DC environment
- Administrative and congressional opportunities

Break

2:30 Interactive Discussion: Work-Based Learning for Adults and Youth

Andy Van Kleunen, CEO, National Skills Coalition

Break

4:00 What We Want to Accomplish: Prepping for Tomorrow's Meetings

Andy Van Kleunen

- Overview of meetings
- Coordinating message
- Reporting on Hill Visits (Knowlegis)

Ashley Shaw, Field Coordinator, National Skills Coalition

5:00 What to Expect on the Hill

Mike Mandina, President, Optimax Systems, Inc., BLU Executive Committee

Break

5:30 **Reception**

6:30 **Working Dinner: What's Ahead for BLU**

Kerry Gumm, Director - Recruiting and Diversity, Principal Financial Group; BLU Exec Committee

- **Effective Practices track at the June National Fund for Workforce Solutions (NFWS) conference**

Fred Dedrick, Executive Director, National Fund for Workforce Solutions

- **BLU Outreach Efforts**

Scott Ellsworth, Director, Business Leaders United

8:00 **Adjourn**

Thursday, January 15th

7:30 **Working Breakfast: Final Prep**

Angel Pineiro, Senior Vice President, ASI System Integration, Inc.; BLU Exec Committee

- Review of schedule, logistics and meeting assignments

8:30 **BLU Discussion with the White House & OCTAE on Upskilling Frontline Workers**

Byron Auguste, Deputy Director, National Economic Council

Johan Uvin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, Department of Education

10:00 **Federal Sector Partnership Initiatives: How Can DOL and DOC Effectively Meet the Needs of Employers?**

Thomas Guevara, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

Byron Zuidema, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

11:30 **Depart for Capitol Hill**

Everyone is on their own for lunch and Hill meetings

Lunch on Capitol Hill

- Senate: Dirksen Cafeteria (basement, Room SDB-R7)
- House: Longworth Cafeteria (basement, Room B-223)

Meetings with members of Congress

- Constituent meetings with individual congressional offices

3:30 **Debrief at Hotel (Postscript Bar); Departure**