

Business Leaders United Employer Fly-in

Speaker Biographies

January 14-15, 2015



The Honorable Johan E. Uvin
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
U.S. Department of Education

Johan E. Uvin joined the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) in December 2009 as senior policy advisor to Assistant Secretary Brenda Dann-Messier. In 2011, Uvin was appointed to the position of deputy assistant secretary for policy and strategic initiatives. In that capacity, he coordinates all policy and strategy development for OCTAE. This office is responsible for the Department's adult education portfolio, including corrections and reentry education, secondary, postsecondary and adult career and technical education, and community colleges.

In 2012, Uvin assumed additional responsibilities as the acting director of the Policy Research and Evaluation Services Division of OCTAE and the co-chair of the Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth, a multi-agency federal collaboration to improve the outcomes of disconnected youths. Since 2010, he has also been a member of the steering committee of the Domestic Policy Council's New Americans Citizenship and Integration Initiative, which developed a framework for federal efforts on immigrant integration. Uvin further leads the Department's Pay for Success work and coordinates the Department's responsibilities related to the implementation of the Presidential Memorandum on Job-Driven Training. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan named Uvin acting assistant secretary for OCTAE.

Prior to his appointments at the Department, Uvin led the Rhode Island state office that oversees adult education, career and technical education, and GED testing. He also held several leadership positions in education and workforce development in both the public and private sectors.

Uvin holds a doctorate in administration, planning and social policy and a master's degree in international education from Harvard University. He also holds a Master of Arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) from the School of International Training in Brattleboro, Vt.



Business Leaders United
for Workforce Partnerships



Byron Auguste
Deputy Director
National Economic Council
The White House

Byron Auguste is a Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, where his policy portfolio includes jobs and labor markets, skills and workforce, innovation, infrastructure, transportation and goods movement. Mr. Auguste was appointed to the post by President Obama in July 2013. Previously, he was a senior partner at McKinsey & Company in Washington DC and in Los Angeles, where he was elected Principal in 1999 and Director in 2005. Over 20 years at McKinsey, he worked primarily in the fields of technology & communications, information & media, services-based businesses, education, economic development, and innovation, leading McKinsey's High Tech Services sector from 2002 to 2006, and its global Social Sector from 2007 to 2012. He was also co-author of several McKinsey Global Institute reports, including *Changing the Fortunes of America's Workforce* (2009), *Growth and Renewal in the United States: Retooling America's Economic Engine* (2011), and *An Economy That Works: Job Creation and America's Future* (2011), and *Help Wanted: the Future of Work in Advanced Economies* (2012). His professional experience prior to McKinsey was as an economist at LMC International, Oxford University, and the African Development Bank. He is the author of *The Economics of International Payments Unions and Clearinghouses* (MacMillan Press, 1995)

Until his appointment at the White House, Mr. Auguste was active in a number of not-for-profit organizations, serving as board chairman of Hope Street Group, and on the boards of trustees of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Yale University. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Pacific Council on International Policy. He holds a B.A. in economics and political science from Yale University, where he was chosen as a Truman Scholar, and a M. Phil. and D.Phil. in economics from Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar.



Business Leaders United
for Workforce Partnerships



The Honorable Thomas Guevara
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Economic Development Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Thomas Guevara, in his capacity as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, directs and supervises the activities of the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Office of Regional Affairs, including the Performance and National Programs Division and all six EDA Regional Offices. EDA's Regional Offices are responsible for program delivery of investments that fulfill the agency's mission of leading the federal economic development agenda by promoting

competitiveness and preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Mr. Guevara brings over 24 years of management experience in financial advisory services, public-private partnership finance, and economic development program management and consulting.

Prior to joining EDA, Mr. Guevara served as a Director at Crowe Horwath LLP in Indiana, where he managed financial advisory services for over \$1 billion in bond sales for public and public-private capital projects and delivered economic impact studies for projects totaling over \$500 million. He previously worked for the state of Indiana as CIO of the largest state agency, where he was responsible for information technology projects and expenditures in excess of \$140 million annually, serving over 8500 agency users statewide, and administered by over 250 employees and contractors. Mr. Guevara also served as Assistant State Budget Director at the Indiana State Budget Agency, where he headed the Health and Human Services division. Mr. Guevara's budget oversight responsibilities included over \$3 billion in agency budgets, meeting the Governor's mandated spending reduction targets, negotiating budgets with agency heads and legislators, and implementing new spending plans.

Mr. Guevara also has served as an adjunct professor at Indiana University, teaching finance, management and budgeting courses to graduate and undergraduate students.



Business Leaders United
for Workforce Partnerships



The Honorable Byron Zuidema
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

Byron Zuidema serves as the ETA Deputy Assistant Secretary, in leadership and consultation with national, state and local leaders; seeking workforce and economic solutions to meet the needs of employers and workers to develop thriving communities.

Mr. Zuidema was appointed as a Department of Labor Senior Executive in May, 1998 and served as the Chicago Regional Administrator until October 1, 2014. During that time he also served as a Senior Advisor on the Transition Team for the Department of Labor and also Implementation of the American Recovery Act. He has also served as the interim DOL ETA Administrative Officer. His other public sector work includes extensive senior level experience at the local and state levels. His private sector experience includes working in the IT Industry with software and technology companies.



Business Leaders United
for Workforce Partnerships