

<b>TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE</b>	<b>NO.</b> 3-05
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TO: ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Notice of 2005 Agricultural Business and Workforce System Integration Forums

1. Purpose. To announce upcoming Agricultural Business and Workforce System Integration Forums during which ETA will share its vision for integration of services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and agricultural employers.
2. Reference. Workforce Investment Act of 1998; Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, as amended.
3. Background. ETA's vision for the evolving public workforce system includes broadening and integrating One-Stop service delivery for migrant and seasonal farmworkers so that all One-Stop workforce solutions are available to them, as well as better serving the workforce needs of the American agricultural business sector to better compete in the global marketplace. These Agricultural Business and Workforce System Integration Forums will involve key local and State Workforce Board members, state and local agency staff, One-Stop partners, representatives from the agricultural business/employer community, and senior ETA leadership.

A preliminary agenda for the forum is attached. Each forum will feature:

- Presentations from senior ETA leadership on the vision and expectations for a demand-driven public workforce system and its service delivery to agricultural employers and workers
- A panel of agricultural employers
- A panel of public workforce system staff experienced in serving agricultural employers and workers
- Small group sessions to discuss the challenges to serving the agricultural community and develop solutions to these challenges.

Input from these forums will be used by ETA to guide the development of workforce policy and the design of future research and demonstration projects.

4. Forums. Three forums will be held as follows, beginning on 1:00 PM on the first day and ending by 3:00 PM on the second day:
  - Regions IV and V: Dallas, TX on September 19-20 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas
  - Regions I, II and III: Orlando, FL on October 5-6 at the Rosen Centre Hotel
  - Region VI: Sacramento, CA on December 14-15 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento

In addition, an abbreviated version of these forums will take place as a workshop session at the Texas Workforce Commission annual conference (exact time to be determined) at the Hilton Americas – Houston on November 3.

5. Registration. Registration information will be available at [www.tatc.com/integrationforum](http://www.tatc.com/integrationforum) beginning on August 19, 2005. If you have questions concerning the online registration system, please call TATC Consulting at (202) 408-8282.
6. Action. State workforce agencies are required to share this information with appropriate workforce investment program staff.
7. Inquiries. Questions concerning this TEN may be directed to Jonathan Simonetta at (202) 693-3911 or at [simonetta.jonathan@dol.gov](mailto:simonetta.jonathan@dol.gov),
8. Attachment. Preliminary Agenda.

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## 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**