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130+ employers share effective practices at BLU/NFWS peer-to-peer day

Employers were the headliners last Thursday at the National Fund for Workforce Solutions fifth annual meeting. BLU was thrilled to co-sponsor NFWS' first employer peer-to-peer learning day.



More than 130 employers participated in 20 employer-focused and employer-led workshops to share practices that are working to make the workforce system work for them in closing local skill gaps. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Upskilling BLU employers attend White House Summit; make media splash



On April 24, 14 members of Business Leaders United for Workforce Partnerships attended a [White House summit](#) on the critical need to upskill America's frontline workforce. BLU employers were a leading voice for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at the summit and were interviewed by numerous media outlets (see sidebar for press coverage) to discuss an issue of immense importance to the future health of the U.S. economy—creating new opportunities for our employees to raise their skills and advance within our companies.

[Click here](#) to read featured quotes from BLU employers and to learn more about the UpSkill America Summit.

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National Conference of State Legislators Opportunities for Working Families Forum

June 15
Denver, CO

National Fund for Workforce Solutions Annual Meeting

June 18
Baltimore, MD

National Academy of Sciences Symposium on Middle-Skill Jobs

June 24
Washington, DC

Dayton Regional Manufacturer's Association

June 25
Dayton, OH

Colorado Skills2Compete Campaign Employer Convening

July 7-8

For employer registration information contact

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Closing the manufacturing skill gap: A Q&A with Cheryl Neiheisel of Richards Industries

Cheryl Neiheisel, Vice President of Human Resources at Richards Industries located in Cincinnati, Ohio, spoke with BLU about the critical role sector partnerships play in meeting the workforce needs of the manufacturing industry. [Click here](#) to read our interview.



BLU Fly-In moving to November

The annual [BLU Fly-In](#) brings business leaders from across the nation to Washington, DC, to share their vision for a demand-driven federal workforce system with senior White House officials, senior agency staff, and members of Congress and their staff. This year's Fly-In will be held in November. Stay tuned for more information on how to attend.



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