



2015 OLYMPIA

ECONOMIC SYMPOSIUM

Labor Market and Performance Analysis

October 29, 2015
1 to 4:30 p.m.

Washington's Workforce Needs: Economist and Employer Perspectives!

The Labor Market and Performance Analysis (LMPA) Division of the Washington State Employment Security Department invites you to attend the 2015 Olympia Economic Symposium.

Join us and hear a featured panel of employers and their perspectives on workforce needs. Economists will also speak on the state of the state's labor market; finding the gap in comparing real-time employer demand, occupational projections and the labor market supply; and we'll provide a sneak peak of our new and improved website.

Register online at www.esd.wa.gov/employmentdata by October 28, 2015 to reserve your seat. Registration is free, but seating is limited. For more information, call 360-407-4541.

**Capitol Campus
Office Building 2 (OB2)
First floor Auditorium
1115 Washington St. SE
Olympia, Washington
98504**



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Symposium Speakers



Cynthia Forland

Cynthia Forland has served as director of the Labor Market and Performance Analysis Division with the Employment Security Department (ESD) for over three years, having served as ESD's director of research and policy since early 2011. Cynthia previously worked as a research and policy analyst for the Washington and New Jersey State Legislatures, primarily in the areas of health and human services. This included over five years with Washington State Legislature's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee. Cynthia has a Ph.D. in political philosophy from the New School for Social Research in New York.



Ajsa Suljic

Ajsa Suljic has been with the Employment Security Department's Labor Market and Performance Analysis Division for five years. As the regional labor economist covering southeastern Washington which consists of Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties, Ajsa provides labor market information and analysis to local economic planners, administrators, businesses and residents.

Previously, Ajsa worked for the Idaho Department of Labor as a senior research analyst where she provided economic analysis on employment and business cycles, along with all other labor market information.

Ajsa started her research and analysis career during her undergraduate studies at Boise State University, where she received the Golden Pen Award for her research on traumatic brain injury, stroke, diabetes, and Parkinson's disease with the Idaho Neurological Institute.

Ajsa's additional research included socio-economic studies where she wrote and presented on human behavior and economic cycles.



Scott Wheeler

Scott Wheeler has over nine years' experience working within the workforce development sector both with the Employment Security Department and higher education administration. He has overseen the state's federal workforce report compliance and system performance for the past five years. His team delivers data and performance analysis to local workforce organizations, state agencies, and the Department of Labor. Scott is an active member of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies performance and labor market workgroups. This past year he has worked with colleagues from Washington and other states in developing useful tools based on both workforce, education, and labor market data.



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Agenda

- 1 p.m. Registration
- 1:15 p.m. Welcome remarks
- 1:30 p.m. State of the state's labor market
Ajsa Suljic, Regional Labor Economist
Labor Market and Performance Analysis
- 2 p.m. Finding the gap: Comparing real-time employer demand, occupational projections and the labor market supply
Scott Wheeler, Systems Performance Manager
Labor Market and Performance Analysis
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Featured panel: Employer perspectives on workforce needs
Facilitated by *Cynthia Forland, Director*
Labor Market and Performance Analysis
- *Debra Canales, Executive Vice President, Chief People and Experience Officer, Providence Health & Services*
 - *West Mathison, President and Owner, Stemilt Growers*
 - TBD
- 4:15 p.m. New and improved website!
- 4:30 p.m. Closing remarks

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**FREE ONLINE
REGISTRATION!**

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Last day to register online is October 28, 2015

Event starts

October 29, 2015 at 1 p.m.

Location

Capitol campus in Olympia Washington at the Department of Social and Health Services' OB2 Building, first floor auditorium. Follow the OB2 Path signs.

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Venue information:

For those who want lunch onsite prior to the event, there are two cafes for food, beverages and espresso: Bobbyjayz in the OB2 building right outside the auditorium and City Picnics in the Natural Resources building (NRB).

www.bobbyjayz.com

www.citypicnics.com



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Capital Campus Map



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Driving directions from I-5:

Southbound – From Interstate 5 take State Capitol Exit #105A.

Northbound – From Interstate 5, take State Capitol Exit #105.

1. At the round about on 14th and Jefferson, take right on Jefferson Street.
2. Take left at second signal onto 11th Street.
3. Take left at signal onto Washington Street
4. Take first left off Washington Street to enter NRB Parking lot.

Parking:

Office Building 2 (OB2) is located on Olympia's Capital Campus. Parking is located at the P1 parking lot at the Natural Resources Building (NRB). There is also extra parking at the Maple Park and Jefferson parking lot where the Dash shuttle stops. The **Dash Shuttle** is free and comes every 12-15 minutes. Parking is limited and carpooling is highly recommended. For additional parking and shuttle options, go to: [Capital Campus parking information](#).