

**The U.S. Conference of Mayors  
Workforce Development Council  
National Center on Education and the Economy  
WDC Board Meeting/20<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Forum**

**St. Gregory Hotel & Suites**  
2033 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

**Draft Agenda**  
**(8/8/2008 11:55 AM)**

**Monday, September 22, 2008**

*(St. Gregory, Rooms "A&B")*

8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**

**ROBERT SAINZ**

Assistant General Manager  
Community Development Department  
City of Los Angeles  
WDC President

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Legislative Update/Outline of Congressional Forum**

**KATHY AMOROSO**  
Assistant Executive Director  
The U.S. Conference of Mayors

9:15 – 11:15 a.m.	<p><b>Development of WDC Strategic Communications Plan</b></p> <p>TOM PHILLIPS (Confirmed)  President and CEO  Capital Workforce Partners, Inc.  City of Hartford  Chair, WDC Advocacy Committee</p>
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>WDC Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget</li> <li>○ Calendar</li> <li>○ Resource Development Committee</li> <li>○ Membership Committee</li> </ul>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>The Keys to Effective Advocacy on Capitol Hill</b></p> <p>BRENDA RUSSELL (Invited)  Human Services and Labor Representative  New York City, D.C. Office</p> <p>JAMES SEELEY (Invited)  Chief Legislative Representative  City of Los Angeles</p> <p>COLIN WELLENKAMP (Confirmed)  Vice President  Washington Linkage Group  City of Baltimore  City of Philadelphia</p>
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>PEER-TO-PEER BEST PRACTICE SESSION</b>
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Opening Reception</b>
6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Board Dinner</b>  <i>(Olives, 1600 K Street, NW)</i></p>

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8:45 a.m. **BOARD BUS FOR MEETINGS ON CAPITOL HILL**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Keynote Address**

THE HONORABLE GEORGE MILLER (Invited)  
Chair  
Education and Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

THE HONORABLE HOWARD P. (BUCK) MCKEON (Invited)  
Ranking Member  
Education and Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

THE HONORABLE PATTY MURRAY (Invited)  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
U.S. Senate

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Second Stimulus/FY '08 Budget and Outlook for FY '09**

MARK LAISCH (Confirmed)  
Majority Professional Staff  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS, Educations  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate

TERI BERGMAN (Invited)  
Majority Professional Staff  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS, Educations  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Capitol Hill Visits**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Lunch – St. Gregory Hotel**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Preparing for the 2009 White House Transition – A Conversation with Senator Obama’s and Senator McCain’s Campaign Advisors**

*Obama Campaign*

EDWARD MONTGOMERY (Invited)

Dean

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

University of Maryland

BRUCE KATZ (Invited)

Vice President and Director

Metropolitan Policy Program

Brookings Institution

*McCain Campaign*

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

**Break**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

**Workforce Policy Outlook for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress – WIA, Higher Education and Green Jobs**

GERRI FIALA (Invited)

Majority Staff Director

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

U.S. Senate

BETH BUEHLMAN (Invited)

Minority Education Policy Director

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

U.S. Senate

MICHELE VARNHAGEN (Confirmed)

Senior Labor and Benefits Counsel

Committee on Education and the Workforce

U.S. House of Representatives

RICARDO MARTINEZ (Confirmed)

Policy Advisor

Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness

Committee on Education and Labor

U.S. House of Representatives

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

**Workforce Policy Outlook for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress – WIA,  
Higher Education and Green Jobs (cont'd)**

KIRSTEN DUNCAN (Invited)  
Professional Staff  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

4:45 - 5:00 p.m.

**Wrap-up Discussion and Next Steps**

5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**