



September 25-26, 2019—Eugene, Oregon

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

SUMMARY

Workforce is a major and complex topic. In order to ensure that Oregonians have the skills to meet the needs of Oregon businesses, we need to establish even more effective partnerships and reimagine our understanding of education and work. The Oregon Workforce Partnership provides leadership that promotes and advances Oregon’s workforce system. Our WORKing Together 2019 conference brings together businesses, educators, public agency leaders, community-based organizations and workforce professionals to explore local, state and national best practices, emerging workforce trends and innovative solutions.

This year our conference theme is *Reimagining...*

We are offering workshops separated into three conference tracks: 1) Reimagining Work, 2) Reimagining Partnership/Leadership, and 3) Reimagining Learning. We are seeking proposals from individuals, groups and organizations to present a session on one of these tracks. We encourage proposals that can foster learning communities, and generate great discussion and interactive dialogue as we seek solutions together.

Proposals should showcase innovative approaches, practices and models.

SESSION PROPOSAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- o **Scalability.** We want attendees to leave with a concept or idea they can put to use, a project they can implement or replicate, or new knowledge of a subject to take back to their own work. Proposals should generate meaningful and actionable ideas that are scalable, accessible to various types of organizations, and will launch local discussions.
- o **Creativity.** We are interested in creative problem-solving that goes beyond what has been tried before and will inspire action and thinking outside of the box—reimagining. We are particularly looking for innovative proposals that will inspire solution-building.
- o **Connectivity.** We seek proposals that assemble linkages and demonstrate innovative approaches to system building. This event aspires to bring stakeholders together to create collaboration and to break down traditional silos, reduce duplication and increase effectiveness.
- o **Quality.** We are looking for high-quality session abstracts that describe how the proposal will convey a clearly articulated subject and objective. We strive to showcase proven best practices and innovative approaches.
- o **Inclusivity.** We seek to include diversity in our presentations and speakers. We are committed to ensuring presentations are engaging, inclusive, and interactive for everyone. Preference will be given to proposals that outline participative and experiential formats.

TOPIC AREAS

We are seeking **innovative** proposals in the following conference tracks and topics:

Reimagining Learning

- Innovative Models for Career and Technical Education
- Successful Approaches to Career Pathways
- New Technologies
- Student-led Initiatives
- Success Working with Hard-to-Serve Populations
- Innovations in Vocational Training
- Models for Work-based/Experiential Learning
- Public-Private Sector Co-investment Strategies
- Earn & Learn or Next Generation Apprenticeships
- Creating a Demand-Driven Education

Reimagining Partnership/Leadership

- Best Practices from Industry Sector Groups
- Proven Community Engagement/Collaboration
- Successes in Regional Collaboration
- Cross-Sector Partnerships
- Effective and Innovative Resource Sharing
- Models for Outreach and Collaboration
- Public-Private Sector Co-investment Strategies
- Successes with Data Sharing
- Effective Systemic Change
- Approaches to Addressing Economic Inequity
- Adaptation and Resilience
- Innovations and Best Practices from Local Teams

Reimagining Work

- Entrepreneurship
- Culture Building/Awareness
- Professional Development
- Employee Incentives
- Cross-Training
- Innovative Technologies
- Lean/Zero-Waste Innovations
- Gig Economy Adaptations
- Up-Skilling Current & Future Workers

SESSION TYPES

Participative Panel Discussions: 3-4 speakers and a moderator

Speaker/Presentation: 1-3 speakers sharing on same program/topic or on three models of a similar program/topic

Roundtable/Discussion: Experiential, discussion, breakout groups or alternative format.

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Please submit the following information in your proposal:

1. Topic/Track: Education, Partnership, or Work
2. Title of Session: 20 words maximum
3. Type of Session: Panel, Presentation, Discussion
4. Session Description: 500 words maximum
5. Session Learning Objectives: List three objectives you will cover in your presentation. 100 words maximum
6. Presenters: Include the name, title, organization, and email address for each presenter. Also provide a bio of relevant experience for each presenter.
7. History of Presentation: If the presentation has been given before, provide the dates and venues; include if the presenters were the same and whether the presenters have worked

together prior.

8. Audio-Visual Needs: Specify audio-visual needs. If there will be PowerPoint, specify if it will have audio or video slides or if audio will be required. Any presentation materials must be submitted to the conference organizer by September 1, 2019. All materials will be shared with attendees online during and after the conference. If providing handouts, presenters will need to provide their own and pay for the cost of printing. All rooms will have projector, microphones, laptop, screen and theatre-style seating.
9. Contact Name, Email and Phone Number (should be same as submitter).

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND TIMELINES

Proposals are due June 12, 2019 at 5 p.m. PST. Proposals must be received at info@oregonworkforcepartnership.org by this deadline. Late proposals may not be considered. Please submit proposals in Word format, not pdf. The person who submits the proposal will be considered the submitter and will be listed as the point of contact in regard to the proposal.

OWP will review proposals as they are submitted and will stop reviewing at the deadline. The evaluation will be based solely on the information submitted. Submitters will be notified whether their proposal has been accepted as soon as possible, with the target being no later than July 12 for those submitted at the deadline.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting a proposal, submitters attest to the following terms and conditions. Presenters, titles and content are expected to correspond to the proposal, and substitutions of content or presenters require prior approval by OWP. Once a session proposal has been accepted, no changes of speakers or session content will be allowed without prior approval.

OWP will communicate with the contact person/submitter. It is that person's responsibility to keep any co-presenters informed about acceptance decisions, scheduling, registration deadlines and A/V needs.

Presentations are not meant to be a platform for business promotion. By submitting a proposal, presenters affirm that none of the material presented, to their knowledge, infringes upon the copyright or right of privacy of others, and that material which references work of others will be properly credited to that source. Further, presenters will not misrepresent, libel or slander, any other person, facility, service or product during their presentations. If such affirmation is breached, presenters will indemnify and hold harmless Oregon Workforce Partnership, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives and the State of Oregon, from and against any actions, losses, costs, damages, claims, and expenses including attorney's fees.

Speakers with accepted proposals will be expected to register for and attend the conference for a special discounted speaker rate, at their own expense.