

Award nominations are due Monday January 7, 2013.

Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Excellence Award

This is the second year NAWB is offering the WIB Excellence Award honoring a WIB that has demonstrated an on-going ability to develop comprehensive workforce solutions for its community.

The winner will receive a complimentary Forum 2013 registration and be recognized at a Forum plenary general session. The awardee also will be invited to special events during the Forum, be eligible to present in a winners' workshop, and be further recognized for its achievements through selected NAWB publications and a variety of media. Join the media, policy makers, and your workforce development colleagues from across the country to recognize excellence in our industry.

To reward participation in the nomination process, any WIB that submits a nomination will be included in a February drawing for a **complimentary Forum 2013 registration.**

W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award

The W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award honors businesses and business organizations that have made the commitment of time, money, and leadership to make their community's workforce and economy more vibrant.

A primary role of Workforce Investment Boards is to build relationships between businesses and public partners such as economic development organizations, education providers, and community and faith-based organizations. This is only possible, however, when a business steps up and makes a commitment to be a full partner in the Board's endeavors.

Here is your chance to honor and recognize the business partner in your area that has made a difference.

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NEW! Communication Awards

Have you ever tried to answer the question, "**What is a Workforce Investment Board?**" or "**What does your Workforce Investment Board do?**"

It's not easy, yet having effective responses in your hip pocket can be the difference between getting prospective partners, funders, and customers interested in your work, or not.

That's why this year NAWB has added two new communication awards to the line-up:

What is a Workforce Investment Board?

In a 30-second video, submit your best response to answer the question, "What is a Workforce Investment Board?"

What does your Workforce Investment Board do?

Submit a 30-second video giving your best elevator speech specifically about your Workforce Investment Board.

No professional videos please — just use your smart phones, webcams, or whatever you have available.

A panel of professional communicators will judge these videos. Get your smart phones ready! Winners will be highlighted during the Forum.