The Workforce Information and Technology Services division of the Washington State Employment Security Department invites you to attend the 2017 Olympia Economic Symposium.

The topic of the symposium is “technology and the future of work” and what that looks like for Washington state. On the agenda this year, our regional economists, Scott Bailey and Doug Tweedy, will speak on the state of the state’s labor market for eastern and western Washington. Our keynote speaker, Cynthia Forland, will talk about the robots coming. Scott Wheeler is providing an updated overview of the labor market information website to show new visuals, tools and reports. You won’t want to miss it!

Register online at Eventbrite by October 20, 2017 to reserve your seat. Registration and parking is free. For more information, call 360-407-4638.

You may also visit our website at: [www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/presentations](http://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/presentations).
Technology and the Future of Work

1 p.m.  Registration

1:15 p.m.  Welcome remarks
Scott Wheeler, Workforce Information Operations Manager
Workforce Information and Technology Services

1:30 p.m.  State of the state’s labor market
Western Washington:
Scott Bailey, Regional Labor Economist
Workforce Information and Technology Services

2:15 p.m.  State of the state’s labor market
Eastern Washington:
Doug Tweedy, Regional Labor Economist
Workforce Information and Technology Services

3:00 p.m.  Break

3:15 p.m.  The robots are coming! The robots are coming!
Keynote: Cynthia Forland, Chief Information Officer
Workforce Information and Technology Services

4:00 p.m.  LMIS website overview/tools and reports
Scott Wheeler, Workforce Information Operations Manager
Workforce Information and Technology Services

4:15 p.m.  Closing remarks

4:30 p.m.  Adjourn
Symposium Speakers

Cynthia Forland
Cynthia Forland is Employment Security’s Chief Information Officer and Assistant Commissioner of the Workforce Information and Technology Services division. This division was created in May 2017 and merged two divisions: Information Technology and Business Integration and Labor Market and Performance Analysis (LMPA). Cynthia served as director of LMPA from 2012 to 2017, having served immediately prior as ESD’s director of research and policy.

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 more than 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.

Scott Wheeler
Scott Wheeler has been the Workforce Information Operations Manager of the Workforce Information and Technology Services (WITS) division since May 2017. Prior to this, Scott served as the System Performance manager, overseeing the state’s federal workforce report compliance.

Scott is an active member of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies performance and labor market workgroups. Before he came to ESD in 2008, Scott worked at South Puget Sound Community College as the admissions/registration director as well as working in the student life office. Scott has a Master’s in public administration from Evergreen and a bachelor’s in Chinese studies from the University of Texas.

Scott Bailey
Scott Bailey has served as the Southwest Washington regional labor economist for Employment Security’s Workforce Information and Technology Services division for more than 20 years. Scott covers Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties. He also works closely with economic development and workforce development organizations throughout the region.

Scott received his master’s degree in economics from Portland State University and is a board member of the Pacific Northwest Regional Economics Conference. Scott has done extensive research on wages in the state, and has served as a national trainer with the U.S. Census Bureau for the Local Employment Dynamics database.

Doug Tweedy
Doug Tweedy has served as the Spokane regional labor market economist since February of 2008. He covers Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties. Prior to coming to ESD, Doug worked as an economist for the research and analysis unit of Idaho’s Department of Labor. Doug has extensive experience in working with both rural and urban economies. Before entering state service, Doug was a high school science teacher and college vocational counselor. The experience in education laid the foundation for his passion in analyzing industry, employment/unemployment, wage and occupational data.

Doug serves as a consultant on a variety of boards and community organizations including the Spokane Mayor’s Council on Economic Policy and Forecasting and the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council.
FREE ONLINE REGISTRATION WITH EVENTBRITE

Last day to register online is October 20, 2017 before noon.

Event starts
October 20, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Location
Labor and Industries’ central office building

Address
7273 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater, Washington 98501

Contact: Carmen Serrano, Registration Coordinator
Email: CSerrano@esd.wa.gov
Phone: 360-407-4638
TTY: Washington Relay Service, 711
ADA: Individuals with disabilities requiring ADA reasonable accommodations, contact CSerrano@esd.wa.gov to request an accommodation.

Venue information:
The Bienvenue Cafe is located in the Labor and Industries building for those who want lunch onsite prior to the event.

This is a full service venue that includes a salad bar, deli, grill and espresso. Facility is located on the 2nd floor and is open to the public.

The Employment Security Department is an equal-opportunity employer and provider of programs and services. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to people with disabilities. Washington Relay Service: 711.
Map to Labor and Industries’ Central Office Building

Driving directions from I-5:
The Labor and Industries’ central office building is located on Linderson Way between Israel Road and Tumwater Boulevard.

Interstate 5
Traveling north or south on Interstate 5 – Take Exit #101 (Tumwater Blvd.), head east to the first light. Turn left onto Linderson Way.

City of Tumwater
Take Capitol Way south from Olympia. Turn right on Israel Road and then left on Linderson Way.

Parking:
Free visitor parking is to the left of the main entrance in front of the building.