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Looking to the future

The future of work should advance the principle of inclusive innovation, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez told an Aspen Institute forum. We can embrace cutting-edge business models without compromising labor standards. [Read more of his thoughts on Medium.](#)

Following the department's Future of Work symposium, Wage and Hour Administrator David Weil and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Sharon Block [share key takeaways](#) for the path forward.

DOL Working For You

Reaping what she sewed

Bertha has been a seamstress in Los Angeles' fashion district for 40 years. She loves her work, but the low wages and long hours make it a tough way to earn a living. So when she suspected her employer wasn't paying her properly, she turned to us [for help](#).

National News

- \$25M to strengthen working families
- Six new teams to fight human trafficking
- Wage violations in Calif. recycling industry
- Fla. plant faulted in hand injury
- Lawsuit filed against federal contractor
- [Read more National News](#)

DOL in Action

- Helping families with retirement security
- Protecting workers with disabilities
- Worker rights pact in Nevada
- A leg up for Texas tow-truck drivers
- Focus on crimes that endanger worker safety
- [Read more DOL in Action](#)

Blog Highlights

In the shadows

We're holding agricultural employers accountable for exploiting vulnerable "shadow workers."

400 days

There are 400 days left in the administration. Here's how Secretary Perez plans to spend them.

Safety matters

A nation built on the dignity of work must provide safe working conditions for its people. It's a core part of our mission.

Upcoming Events

1.12.16

Health Benefits Laws Compliance Assistance Seminar — EBSA
Laurel, MD

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