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State of the Union: Cabinet in Your Community Tour

On a visit to Pennsylvania after the State of the Union, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez highlights the importance of [investing in job-driven training](#) to aid the nation's economic recovery.

Weathering the storm

She lost her job after 34 years with the same company. His job was threatened when the auto industry cratered. But Gloria and Norb Balenski weathered the storm, thanks to President Obama's policies, and were guests at the president's [State of the Union](#) address.

2015 in review

2015 was a year of solid economic growth. Here's what [you should know](#) about the labor market.

DOL Working For You

Work-based learning

Christopher Jordan could only find low-wage, part-time jobs after high school. But with the help of hands-on training through Job Corps, he is now embarking on a career as a facilities maintenance technician with a starting salary that is more than double what he previously earned.

[Read his story.](#)

Blog Highlights

Raise the wage

A small business owner who grew up in a low-income household makes the case for a higher minimum wage.

Future of work

Given the shifting nature of work relationships, it may be time to negotiate a new social compact.

Cheese chat

Secretary Perez takes on sharp (and mild) questions about the minimum wage, paid leave, equal pay, and other topics.

National News

- \$2.1M due Tulsa restaurant workers
- Grant to help laid-off Pa. workers
- \$5M to ready inmates for jobs
- Safety fund in memory of two workers
- Fall hazards cited; worker paralyzed

DOL in Action

- Learning trades at a Job Corps center
- Roundtable on veterans employment
- When the wounded warrior comes home
- Training for N.C. tobacco farmers
- Data crash course for journalists

Upcoming Events

1.20.16

Vendor Outreach Session — OSDBU

Washington, DC

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