



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Community and Stakeholder Forum on:
Improving Services to English Language Learners and Foreign Born Individuals**

October 3, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Workforce Connection
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Mission Statement: The Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board exists to oversee the optimal administration of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds in the Fresno region. In serving both the business community and the individual job seeker with the provision of human capital development services, we hope to foster the economic vitality of the Fresno region.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Item #	Description
2.	Local Workforce Planning and the Biennial Updates
3.	Overview of Regional Plan Guidance Regarding English Language Learners, Foreign Born Individuals and Refugees
4.	Objectives of this Community and Stakeholder Forum
5.	For Your Consideration and Input
5a.	What are the unique needs of English language learners, foreign born individuals and refugees?
5b.	What are the principal barriers to employment faced by these individuals?
5c.	What partnerships and collaborative efforts exist that enable local organizations to provide services to meet these needs?
5d.	What outreach and recruitment strategies are effective in connecting individuals from these target groups to skills training and livable wages?
5e.	What strategies are in place to provide these individuals with job skills and training that will enable them to progress into livable wage jobs and careers?
5f.	Where do gaps in services exist for this target population and what can we do to bridge these gaps?

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