

OCTOBER 20-23, 2026 | NEW ORLEANS, LA

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY, October 20

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, October 21

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM *Breakfast*

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM **NRWC CONFERENCE WELCOME**

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM **PLENARY – From Incarceration to Transformation**

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM *Break*

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM **PLENARY – New Labor Market Realities**

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM *Break*

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM *Lunch*

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM **PLENARY Session - AI, Automation & Access: Risk or Opportunity?**

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM *Networking Break*

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM *Break*

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

THURSDAY, October 22

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM *Breakfast & Member Gathering*

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM **PLENARY – Fair Chance Hiring Works: Business Leaders Advancing Opportunity**

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM *Break*

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM **PLENARY – Education as Workforce Infrastructure**

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM *Break*

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM *Lunch*

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM **PLENARY – Financing the Future of Work**

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM *Networking Break*

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM *Break*

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

FRIDAY, October 23

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM *Breakfast*

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM *Break*

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM **BREAKOUT Sessions**

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM *Networking Break*

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM **PLENARY - Workforce Pell: Short-Term Credentials, Long-Term Mobility**

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM **Closing Remarks**