

RuralCONNECTIONSMONTHLY

A newsletter of the Western Rural Development Center

ADDRESSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST

WRDC Director Don Albrecht attended the launch of the Western Governors' Association (WGA) **Workforce Development Initiative** on August 3rd in Sioux Falls. The workshop was hosted by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard. U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta gave a keynote and

according to the WGA asserted the Administration "recognizes that each state is different, and that what works for a large East Coast state may not work in the West." Watch the keynotes by the **Governor** and **Secretary**.

Future Workforce Development Workshops are scheduled in Colorado, Oklahoma, and Washington. [Get the workshop details](#).



TIPS FOR VIEWING THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Unless you've been living totally off the grid for the past few months, you've probably heard that the U.S. is going to experience a total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. Are you ready? Do you know if you are in the "path of totality" or if you will be able to view the eclipse from your area? Not sure how to safely view the eclipse? Well, NASA has you covered.

[Visit the NASA website](#) for the eclipse countdown clock, safe viewing practices, to get the eclipse App, check traffic in your viewing location, check weather, and more!



CONGRATULATIONS TO WESTERN REGION NACDEP INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

The Western Rural Development Center extends its congratulations to the region's individual NACDEP award winners. José Garcia-Pabon, Washington State University Extension and WRDC Board Member, was awarded the Individual Diversity Award for his Latino Community Studies and Outreach Program. Paul Lachapelle, Montana State University Extension, was the winner of the Distinguished Career Award.

Congratulations to José and Paul!



OPPORTUNITIES

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Director
Program Planning and Assessment
University of Illinois Extension
Closing date is September 14, 2017

[Learn more.](#)

USDA Announces Prize Competition to Develop and Implement the Innovations in Food and Agricultural Science and Technology (I-FAST) Program

[Learn more.](#)

Applications Now Being Accepted for Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I.

[Learn more.](#)

Funds Available for Communities from the Homeland Security National Training Program.

[Learn more.](#)

Catalysts of the Climate Economy: National Innovation Summit
September 6-8, 2017

[Details.](#)

Higher Ground Fair: Celebrating Rural Living in the Rocky Mountains
September 23-24, 2107

[Details.](#)

Extension Disaster Education Network Annual Meeting
September 26-29, 2017

[Details.](#)

Investing in America's Workforce: Improving Outcomes for Workers and Employers
October 4-6, 2017

[Details.](#)



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