2026 WESTERN REGIONAL 166/477 TRAINING DRAFT AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Stronger Workforce, Stronger Nations

November 16-20, 2026 | Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town | Albuquerque, NM

DRAFT AGENDA

Nov. 16	Tuesday, Nov. 17	Wednesday, Nov. 18	Thursday, Nov. 19	Nov. 20
TRAVEL DAY Safe Travels!	7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration & Information Tables open			ATTENDEE HOTEL CHECK-OUT
	8:30 am – 11:30 am **GENERAL ASSEMBLY – GRAND BALLROOM** **Posting of Colors** – Acoma Veteran's Color **Drum Group** – Emmet Yepa, Jemez Pueblo **Welcome** Kay Seven, Western Regional Vice Chair **Tribal Leader Welcome & Blessing** Governor Raymond Aguilar, Santo Domingo Pueblo **Land Acknowledgement** Lori Tazbah Tapahonso **Keynote Presentations** Regis Pecos, Leadership Institute at Santa Fe Indian School **U.S. Department of Labor** Kim Vitelli, Employment and Training Administration Justice Rhodes, DINAP Chief **U.S. Department of Interior** William (Billy) Kirkland III, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Katharine (Denise) Baylon, BIA Division of Workforce Development **Announcements** 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm: PL 102-477 Grantee Onboarding at Chaco Hotel 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm: WIOA 166 Grantee Onboarding at Chaco Hotel	**8:00 am – 10:00 am** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY– GRAND BALLROOM** **Blessing & Welcome** All Pueblo Council of Governors **Welcome** Rosemary Reano, Western Regional Secretary **Keynote Speaker** New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions **PL 102/477 Tribal Workgroup Address** Margaret Zientek & Holly Morales **Workforce PELL** **Department of Energy TALENT Presentation** Raymond Redcorn	**8:00 am – 10:00 am** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY – GRAND BALLROOM** **Blessing** Tribal Leader **Welcome** Bree Marshall, Western Regional Treasurer **Keynote Speaker** Alvin Warren, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation **Western Region Election & 2027 Location Selection** Western Region Executive Committee **Retire Colors**	
		10:15 am – 10:30 am BREAK		
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration & Information Booth Open		**10:30 am–12:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 3** **TURQUOISE** – Beyond Job Placement: Connecting Partnerships, Programs, and Participant Success **POTTERS** – Peer to Peer 477 Best Practices **ALVARADO A** – Child Care and Development und (CCDF) 101 **ALVARADO B** – TBD **ALVARADO C** – WIOA GPMS Intermediate: Managing Participant Data **WEAVERS** – Client (Member) Success Stories Using Various Approaches	**10:30 am–12:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 6** **TURQUOISE** – Language is our Identification **POTTERS** – Beyond Behavior: Trauma-Informed De-escalation for Workforce & Human Services **ALVARADO A** – 477 OMB 1076-0135 Revised Financial Report **ALVARADO B** – BIA National Indian Fire Fighter Training Program & National Indian Youth Service Corps **ALVARADO C** – 477 OMB 1076-0135 Revised Statistical Report **WEAVERS** – True Colors Workshop	TRAVEL DAY
	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH ON OWN			
	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 1 **GENERAL SESSION ROOM** – PL 102-477 Tribal Work Group Meeting (Fed Partners & Tribes) **TURQUOISE** – Language is Our Identification **POTTERS** – Navajo Nation 477 Childcare Workshop **ALVARADO A** – Harm Reduction in NM Four Corners Region **ALVARADO B** – TBD **ALVARADO C** – WIOA GPMS Beginners Getting Started **WEAVERS** – True Colors Workshop	**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 4** **TURQUOISE** – Bridging Tribal & State Workforce Systems: Building Collaborative Partnerships for Native Workforce Success **POTTERS** – 477 How To Write A Comprehensive Plan **ALVARADO A** – Construction & Major Renovation Building Blocks of a Successful Facilities Project **ALVARADO B** – The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act **ALVARADO C** – WIOA 166 Financial Reporting - Understanding 9130 **WEAVERS** – Beyond Behavior: Trauma-Informed De-escalation for Workforce & Human Services	**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 7** **TURQUOISE** – National Indian Youth Service Corps Partnership: Conservation Corps as partners to support local Workforce Development **POTTERS** – TBD **ALVARADO A** – 477 OMB 1076-0135 Revised Financial Report **ALVARADO B** – NINAETC 47th National Conference in Alaska Planning Meeting **ALVARADO C** – 477 OMB 1076-0135 Revised Statistical Report **WEAVERS** – TBD	HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME
	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm AFTERNOON BREAK			
	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 2 **GENERAL SESSION ROOM -** PL 102-477 Tribal Work Group Meeting (Tribes Only) **TURQUOISE** – PL 102-477 An overview for non participating tribes **POTTERS** – Quality Improvement Initiatives & Activities **ALVARADO A** – Client (Member) Success Stories Using Various Approaches **ALVARADO B** – Children's Bureau Child Welfare Title IV-B Funding to Tribes **ALVARADO C** – WIOA 166 Back to Basics: Building your WIOA Toolbox- **WEAVERS** – TBD	**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 5** **TURQUOISE** – Bridging Tribal & State Workforce Systems: Building Collaborative Partnerships for Native Workforce Success **POTTERS** – 477 Onsite Monitoring Reviews **ALVARADO A** – Navajo Nation 477 Childcare Workshop **ALVARADO B** – The Family Violence Prevention & Services Act Grants **ALVARADO C** – WIOA Sec. 166 Grant Award Onboarding **WEAVERS** – The Fraud Way or the Highway	**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm WORKSHOP Session 8** **TURQUOISE** – Navajo Nation 477 - Historic changes for Social Welfare **POTTERS** – 477 OMB 1076-0135 Revised Narrative Report & PL 102-477 Grantee Onboarding Continued **ALVARADO A** – WIOA 166 Grantees Onboarding Continued **ALVARADO B** – TBD **ALVARADO C** – WIOA GPMS Beginners Getting Started **WEAVERS** – The Fraud Way or the Highway	
	6 – 8PM WELCOME/CULTURAL RECEPTION	BANQUET 6PM – 9:00 PM *Provided with Registration*	Evening on your own	