

Building Jobs



Secretary Perez speaks at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting.

Mayoral partnership on economic growth: At the 84th Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors on Jan. 21, [U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez](#) praised local leaders for their efforts helping people get the skills they need to compete for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Perez reflected on the tremendous resilience of American workers and the U.S. economy, which has added 14.1 million jobs over 70 consecutive months of private-sector job growth, the longest streak on record. To ensure that all Americans get a chance to share in that prosperity, he argued for continued partnership between employers, all levels of government, school systems and community colleges to deliver skills that are closely designed to meet current workforce needs. Perez also lifted up the value of [apprenticeship](#) and the tremendous framework offered by the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#).