



Media Advisory

Labor Conference Tackles Regulations, Motivation, Immigration

Serves as Annual Meeting for Largest Guestworker Provider in the Western U.S.

YAKIMA, Wash – Wafla (formerly the Washington Farm Labor Association) is a non-profit agriculture association that provides labor and employment advice for its more than 700 members in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Its Labor Conference and annual meeting is being held all day Thursday, February 23, at the Yakima Convention Center. Two hundred member attendees are expected.

The conference focuses on leadership and motivation for human resource professionals. To that end, keynote Brad Worthley, a nationally acclaimed speaker and author, will deliver the keynote about self-management and motivation. Other speakers will cover employee onboarding, progressive discipline, harassment prevention, and other topics crucial to successful businesses. Seven attorneys will be speaking about regulations, litigation, and other issues of importance for seasonal employers attempting to cope with a challenging labor market.

One of the more interesting breakout sessions will cover immigration reform, including prospects for regulatory reform of guestworker programs, Congressional action, and the parts of recent executive orders which impact agricultural workers. The full agenda is provided at <http://bit.ly/laborconf>.

2017 wafla Labor Conference & Annual Meeting

- When:** Thursday, January 23 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Where:** Yakima Convention Center
10 North 8th Street
Yakima, WA
- Who:** wafla members and board; top labor attorneys and industry experts
- What:** Labor Conference covers labor and employment advice for seasonal employers, including immigration reform, motivational, leadership, and regulatory guidance.

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