

## CAPITOL HILL BRIEFING

# *Meeting the Employment Needs of Unemployed Older Americans*

*An Introduction to the U.S. Department of Labor's  
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)*

**Friday, January 19, 2018**

**1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

**U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Room SVC-203-02**

**Hosted by U.S. Senator Patty Murray**

**Organized by National Organizations who Help Older Adults Find Jobs**

### Speakers:

**Kelly S. Mikelson**, PhD, Senior Research Associate, Urban Institute\*, will discuss findings from the recently released [The Role of SCSEP in Workforce Training for Low-Income Older Workers](#) paper; **Sharron Holquin**, former SCSEP participant from Gaithersburg, MD, will discuss how she turned her valuable SCSEP work-based training into a full-time job; **Joseph McCarley**, Project Director, TERRIFIC, Inc., will discuss his organization's experience in hosting SCSEP participants and why they hired several after their temporary training; and **Catherine King**, Senior VP of Recruiting & Staffing Services, Allied Universal, who will discuss how her company has benefited from the skills and talents of former SCSEP participants they've hired.

### Moderator:

**Bob Blancato**, Chair, American Society on Aging

### **ABOUT THE JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> BRIEFING**

Older Americans—who represent a growing part of the U.S. labor force—struggle to find jobs after becoming unemployed. Recognizing the unique employment needs of older adults, Congress created the **Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)** at the U.S. Department of Labor. SCSEP helps older adults find jobs and increase their economic self-sufficiency through part-time, paid internship-like training assignments at local organizations and agencies. The one-hour briefing will **review findings** from a recent white paper that found SCSEP is successful in helping older adults with significant employment barriers find jobs, representing a strong return on the federal investment. The briefing will also **feature first-person accounts** from a former SCSEP participant, a local host agency official, and a business representative about the value of the program.



**RSVP required.**

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