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WHAT'S NEW

Federal Contractor Town Halls

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) is hosting two upcoming Town Hall meetings, on September 26 and 28 in San Francisco and Chicago, respectively. These meetings will gather insight to assist OFCCP in enhancing the scope and quality of its compliance assistance materials and may be of particular interest to human resource and diversity and inclusion professionals, equal employment opportunity specialists, chief compliance officers and others involved in a company's compliance with the laws OFCCP enforces, which include Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act. [Learn more about the OFCCP Town Halls.](#)

NOD Leading Disability Employer Seal Winners

Last week, the National Organization on Disability (NOD) announced that 45 companies have been selected to receive its 2017 Leading Disability Employer Seal. Awarded annually, this designation recognizes leaders in disability-inclusive hiring policies and practices and is granted based on data furnished by companies in response to NOD's Disability Employment Tracker™, a free, confidential online assessment and benchmarking tool. Awardees were announced at NOD's annual disability employment forum, "Inclusion by Design," which was sponsored by PwC and hosted by Boeing. [Learn more about the NOD Leading Disability Employer Seal winners.](#)

CAP Video on Non-Obvious Disabilities

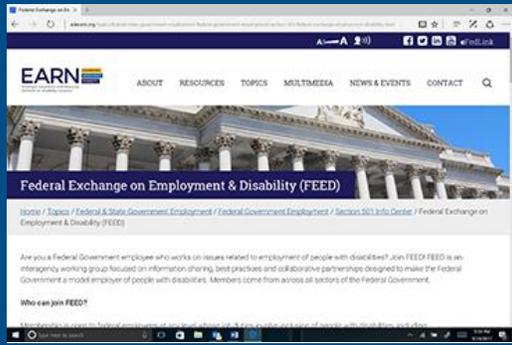
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly half of people in the U.S. have some form of chronic medical condition. Often, these conditions are not readily apparent, and lack of awareness can lead to misunderstandings in the workplace. Now, a new training video available from the federal Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) provides guidance on interacting with individuals who have non-obvious disabilities. Although produced with the federal employer in mind, the video can benefit any employer, private or public, and is the seventh in a series of disability etiquette videos produced by CAP. Access the [new CAP video](#) or [entire series](#).

Nominate a Disability Employment Champion

The Viscardi Center is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Henry Viscardi Achievement Awards. Bestowed annually, these awards honor leaders who have helped improve quality of life for people with disabilities in all areas of community life, including employment. They are named in honor of the Center's founder and one of the world's foremost advocates for people with disabilities, Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. The selection committee is co-chaired by former U.S. Senator Robert Dole and Sherwood "Woody" Goldberg, Esq., retired U.S. Army Colonel and current Senior Advisor for Asian Affairs at the Center for Naval Analysis. Nominations are due by October 20. [Learn more about the awards.](#)

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Federal Exchange on Employment and Disability (FEED)

EARN recently added a page to its website about the Federal Exchange on Employment and Disability (FEED), an interagency working group focused on information sharing, best practices and collaborative partnerships designed to make the Federal Government a model employer of people with disabilities. Membership in FEED is open to federal employees at any level whose duties involve inclusion of jobseekers and federal employees with disabilities.

[Learn more about FEED.](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, October 12, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Webinar: Strategies for Retaining Talent after Injury or Illness

Taking proactive steps to retain qualified employees is simply smart business. This includes employees who experience injury or illness or acquire disabilities as they age. Hosted by EARN in collaboration with the National Industry Liaison Group (NILG), this webinar will explore effective strategies that many leading employers, including federal contractors, are using to ensure valued employees can stay at work or return to work following injury or illness, thereby enhancing both corporate continuity and workforce inclusion. [Register for the October 12 webinar.](#)

Thursday, October 12

Event: NDEAM Employer Conference

Sponsored by the National Business and Disability Council at the Viscardi Center, this event will explore current disability employment topics and trends and highlight best practices, including related to accessible technology. It will take place at the Viscardi Center's headquarters in Albertson, NY, where attendees will also take a tour of the organization's facilities, including the Henry Viscardi School, which educates children with significant physical disabilities and prepares them to be leaders and full members of tomorrow's workforce. [Register for the October 12 event.](#)

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The logo for JPMorgan Chase & Co., featuring the company name in a serif font with 'JPMORGAN' on the top line and 'CHASE & CO.' on the bottom line.

JPMorgan Chase & Company

In a recent interview published on the Huffington Post, Jim Sinocchi, Head of Disability Inclusion for global financial services firm JPMorgan Chase, shared his insight on the company's commitment to disability inclusion and the

importance of the four “A’s” (attitude, accommodations, accessibility and assimilation) in delivering on it – something he understands from a personal as well as professional perspective. [Read the Jim Sinocchi interview.](#)

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The Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN) is a resource for employers seeking to recruit, hire, retain and advance qualified employees with disabilities. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy under a cooperative agreement with The Viscardi Center. For more information, visit AskEARN.org

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