

## **Eric M. Seleznow, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor**

Eric Seleznow serves as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, where he focuses on two key outcomes - a properly prepared workforce to meet the current and future demands of the nation's employers, and providing opportunities for all Americans to succeed in the 21st-century workforce. Prior to this, Eric served as the State Policy Director with the National Skills Coalition, where he worked with many states and diverse stakeholders to strengthen state workforce policies.

Before joining National Skills Coalition, Eric served as Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB) under Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. Eric focused on increasing services to disadvantaged populations, introducing universal design principles to the state's one stop career system, and led the cross agency effort to implement Skills2Compete Maryland, an innovative approach to measuring Marylanders' degree, credential and basic skills attainment across a broad array of public programs.

Eric has over twenty-five years of experience in the workforce field, including as Director of Workforce Services for the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, where he oversaw the County's workforce development system. Eric's accomplishments included integrating workforce and economic development efforts, integrating disability services within one stop operations, and opening the first ever jail-based one stop career center in the nation.

Eric has also served for nearly 20 years in the corrections system operating jail-based training, employment, and pre-release programs - re-entry efforts for which he is still regarded as a national expert. Eric is active in local and national workforce and reentry initiatives and is an experienced trainer and facilitator.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University.