HR Policy Foundation’s Jaime S. Fall Joins The Aspen Institute as Director of UpSkill America, Part of Skills for America’s Future

Fall to lead UpSkill America in creating economic opportunities for low-skill workers through upskilling efforts

Washington, DC, June 26, 2015 -- HR Policy Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of its Vice President of Workforce and Talent Sustainability, Jaime S. Fall, as the new Director of UpSkill America for The Aspen Institute’s Skills for America’s Future. In his new role, Mr. Fall will lead a diverse coalition of organizations working to improve economic opportunities for American workers stuck in low-skill jobs.

Launched in January 2015, UpSkill America is a coalition of business, labor, education, workforce training, and human resource organizations. Together they are leading the national movement to provide the 24 million American workers the training and education they need to advance on a career path and into the middle class. In April 2015, UpSkill America played an integral role in bringing together a diverse group of leaders to the White House Upskilling Summit, where organizations unveiled new upskilling efforts, such as expanding apprenticeships and on-the-job training. In his new role as Director of UpSkill America, Jaime S. Fall will lead the effort to provide more workers with stepping stones to succeed.

"We are looking forward to this new partnership with the Aspen Institute and think it will be a real benefit to both organizations," said Daniel V. Yager, President of HR Policy Foundation. "The large employers that support the Foundation care deeply about the education, training and development of their employees and have a lot to contribute to the overall initiative as well as a lot to gain from the information that is shared."

Mr. Fall will continue his role at the HR Policy Foundation in Washington, DC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to getting America educated, qualified and hired. HR Policy Foundation is a supporting organization of the HR Policy Association, the lead organization representing chief human resource officers of major employers which consists of more than 360 of the largest corporations doing business in the United States and globally.

"I’m really honored to be able to work for both of these wonderful organizations. It’s an incredible opportunity to be able to lead the UpSkill America initiative at the Aspen Institute and still be able to stay engaged with the HR Policy Foundation and the leading large employers that support it. It says a lot about both organizations, and the importance of this initiative, that we were able to craft a win-win-win arrangement that will strengthen the end results coming from UpSkill America, the business we touch, and the workers they employ," said Mr. Fall.

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In addition to his work with HR Policy, Mr. Fall served for nearly seven years as Deputy Secretary, Employment and Workforce Development, for the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. As a Senate-confirmed leader in the Schwarzenegger Administration, Mr. Fall provided policy and guidance to California’s $11 billion workforce system and the nearly 9,000 employees that made up the entities within the agency. Mr. Fall also served on the Governor’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Task Force, with responsibility over the workforce development funding received by the State.

Additionally, Mr. Fall spent more than a decade in Washington, DC, working at the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration; the National Association of State Workforce Agencies; Fall Communications, a workforce development-focused marketing and website development company founded by him and his wife; and on Capitol Hill. Jaime also served as district director for Senator Pat Roberts who was in the U.S. House of Representatives at the time.

Mr. Fall was born and raised in Kansas. He worked his way through college as a journalist and broadcaster before earning his degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas.

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**UpSkill America**’s coalition of business, education, and workforce training organizations is dedicated to helping more businesses expand our nation’s talent pipeline by: recognizing leading employers that provide expanded opportunities for their workers; promoting the widespread adoption of business practices and policies that increase economic opportunity; and cultivate the education and workforce development efforts that support and advance those initiatives. UpSkill America’s work is facilitated by the Aspen Institute Skills for America’s Future. For more information, visit [www.upskillamerica.org](http://www.upskillamerica.org).

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