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## **Manufacturing Day is an Opportunity to Connect with the Next Generation**

**VANCOUVER, Wash. (Oct. 4, 2016)** – In honor of National Manufacturing Day, Partners in Careers, Workforce Southwest Washington and the Southwest Washington Stem Network are hosting a Manufacturing Knowledge Fair on October 6 for young adults ages 16-24.

The event will introduce manufacturing to the next generation of employees and increase awareness of this exciting, fulfilling and family-wage industry where there is a great need for workers. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the industry, occupations available and education required through interactive presentations and Q&A with local manufacturing businesses Cadet, Columbia Machine, Kyocera, nLight, Pacific Power Group, SEH America and UL.

Clark College's mechatronics program and WorkSource will also be present at the event for students to learn about available education and training programs.

More than 250 students from Vancouver Public Schools, Evergreen Public Schools, Camas School District, Battleground School District, Washougal School District and students attending alternative schooling at Partners in Careers are expected to attend.

Companies interested in participating in future events should contact Morgan Parker with Partners in Careers at [morgan@swwpic.org](mailto:morgan@swwpic.org) or 360.696.8417.

Manufacturing businesses interested in learning about workforce development activities in Southwest Washington should contact Cass Parker, Employer Services Manager at Workforce Southwest Washington at [cparker@workforcesw.org](mailto:cparker@workforcesw.org) or 360.567.1076.

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**Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW)** (formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, contributes to regional economic growth by providing investments and resources to improve the skills and education of the workforce in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. WSW helps businesses find and hire the employees they need and provides people the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. WSW partners with employers, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools and community organizations. Learn more at [www.workforcesw.org](http://www.workforcesw.org).

**Partners in Careers (PIC)** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create self-sufficiency through specialized job training and employment services. PIC has more than 30 years of experience connecting physically, educationally and economically-challenged people to career counseling, job training, placement and coaching to achieve economic self-sufficiency. PIC provides programs for at-risk youth, low-income seniors, refugees, people with limited English proficiency, veterans, ex-offenders and individuals receiving government assistance. Learn more at [www.partnersincareers.org](http://www.partnersincareers.org).

**Southwest Washington STEM Network** supports and promotes challenging, relevant and integrated STEM learning experiences for all students in the region. SW WA STEM is working to ensure students in the region have the knowledge, skills and experiences that can unlock futures, build a globally-engaged community, ensure a prosperous economy and inspire innovation. Learn more at [www.swstemnetwork.org/](http://www.swstemnetwork.org/).

*Serving businesses, job seekers and youth in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.*