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Workforce Southwest Washington Accepting Business Nominations for Workforce Awards

Vancouver, Wash. (Sep. 7, 2017) – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is accepting nominations of businesses in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties for its Workforce Innovation and Excellence Awards.

Awards will be given in two categories:

- **Innovation in Workforce Development:** The business has demonstrated strong engagement in the community through creation of innovative workforce opportunities for well-paying jobs and/or career pathway exploration for the community's youth, adult job seekers and/or persons facing barriers to employment.
- **Excellence in Building Workforce Partnerships:** The business has demonstrated strong engagement in the community through the development of partnerships with community-based organizations, nonprofits, community colleges, other businesses and/or workforce entities to create employment opportunities for the community's youth, adult job seekers and/or persons facing barriers to employment.

To review and download the Awards Guidelines and Nomination Form, go to www.workforcesw.org and click the link in the "news" section in the bottom right corner of the home page.

Clark County business nominations are due October 6, 2017. Cowlitz and Wahkiakum business nominations are due January 12, 2018.

Awards will be presented during WSW's board meetings in December (Clark County businesses) and March (Cowlitz and Wahkiakum businesses).

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Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), 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-funded programs operated by WorkSource and community-based organizations help businesses find and hire the employees they need and provide people with the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. WSW collaborates with employers, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools, nonprofits and community organizations. Learn more at www.workforcesw.org.

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