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Workforce Southwest Washington Announces New Board Members and Officers

VANCOUVER, Wash. (July 12, 2016) – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) (formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council) has added two new board members to enhance its collaboration with businesses and enable it to further align workforce training and employment services with industry needs. New Board Officers were also appointed.

John Vanderkin, President of Employers Overload, will continue as Board Chair; Bill Skidmore, a Senior Account Executive at McKinstry, is Vice-Chair and Jim Lucey, Controller of Linear Technology, is Treasurer.

New board members are Darcy Altizer, Executive Director of the Southwest Washington Contractors Association and Paige Lake, Executive Director of the Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce. Both will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016.

“We are fortunate to add the expertise and experience of Darcy and Paige to our board,” said Jeanne Bennett, WSW CEO. “Our partnerships with the business community are key to helping us understand industry trends and needs so we can support companies in finding the right employees at the right time, and improve skills of workers to support business growth and improve the regional economy.”

For a complete list of WSW Board members, visit <http://swwdc.org/about-swwdc/boardmembers.html>.

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) (formerly known as 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-funded programs help businesses find and hire the employees they need and provide 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. For more information, visit www.swwdc.org.

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Workforce Southwest Washington is an equal opportunity employer and provider of employment and training services. Auxiliary aids and services are available on request to persons with disabilities. Washington relay: 711.

Note: Photos are attached of John Vanderkin, Bill Skidmore, Jim Lucey, Darcy Altizer and Paige Lake.

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