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## **Workforce Council Seeks Proposals for Business Services Provider**

**Vancouver, Wash. (July 7, 2016)** – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), (formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council) is seeking innovative and collaborative proposals from a consortium of at least three organizations to provide Business Solution Services that assist businesses with recruitment, retention and development of talent.

The consortium will provide services that are responsive to employer workforce needs and ensure businesses have the skilled and diverse employees necessary to grow and remain competitive. Among other things, the consortium will connect job seekers to open jobs, host hiring events and increase business participation rates at WorkSource centers in Vancouver and Kelso. The consortium will promote and leverage existing partnerships to deepen WorkSource’s ability to serve all job seekers and employers in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

Bidders should incorporate at least three partners/organizations in one unified proposal. Single entity or non-consortium proposals will automatically be rejected. Proposals will be accepted from any combination of private for-profit agencies, state or local units of government, nonprofit organizations, business service organizations (including chambers of commerce and economic development agencies) or educational organizations.

**Proposals are due by 4 p.m. on August 4.** However, a letter of intent to bid and attendance at a bidder conference are mandatory before proposals can be submitted. For details, download the RFP from [www.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org).

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.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org).

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