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Youth Registration Closes September 28 for Business After School Manufacturing Week

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Sept. 15, 2015) – Young adults interested in visiting local businesses and learning about careers surrounding manufacturing have until **September 28** to register for Business After School Manufacturing Week.

In honor of National Manufacturing week, Business After School Manufacturing week is October 5-7 and is open to young adults, ages 16-24. Sponsoring companies are: American Paper Converting, Columbia Machine, Linear Technology, CID Bioscience, NORPAC/Weyerhaeuser and Sigma Design.

Many of the companies are hosting two-hour events from 2-4 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. on one of the three days and will be providing company tours, hands-on activities and discussions of the necessary education, training, skills and future job prospects.

Monday, October 5 from 2-4 p.m. – American Paper Converting, Woodland (age 18+)

Monday, October 5 from 3-5 p.m. – NORPAC/Weyerhaeuser, Longview

Tuesday, October 6 from 3-5 p.m. – Linear Technology, Camas

Wednesday, October 7 from 2-4 p.m. – CID Bioscience, Camas

Wednesday, October 7 from 3-5 p.m. – Sigma Design, downtown Vancouver

For additional information and to register to attend an event, go to <http://www.business-after-school.org/events-registration>

There is no cost to attend, but **registration is required (no drop-ins) and space is limited**. Youth under age 18 **must** be accompanied by an adult, with a maximum 10 students to one chaperone. Participants will arrange their own transportation.

Many industries will face labor shortages in the near future as long-time employees retire and industry growth outpaces trained workers. Bridging this gap is critical and why the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and founding event partners Clark College, Columbia River Economic Development Council, Cowlitz Economic Development Council, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce, Lower Columbia College and Washington State University Vancouver created Business After School to help young adults learn about and explore high-growth industries and gather information about career opportunities and skills they'll need to obtain jobs.

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