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Free Manufacturing Skills Training Program Begins February 27

Orientations at WorkSource: Cowlitz/Wahkiakum on Mondays; Vancouver on Thursdays

Kelso, Wash. (February 1, 2017) – Companies are seeking employees with production technician skills. To help meet the needs of business, WorkSource is providing free training to individuals interested in gaining skills to help them obtain jobs in manufacturing.

Training begins February 27 and space is limited. Individuals are encouraged to attend an orientation or contact WorkSource immediately for details.

WorkSource centers in Kelso and Vancouver are now holding orientations for individuals interested in learning more:

- Mondays, 1:30-3 p.m. – Cowlitz/Wahkiakum WorkSource, 305 S. Pacific Avenue, Suite B, Kelso, WA 98626 or call Heather Fox at 360-578-4235.
- Thursdays, 1-2 p.m. – Vancouver Worksource, 204 SE Stonemill Drive, Suite 215, Vancouver, WA 98684 or call Jacob Miller at 360-735-5084.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a GED or high school diploma. Manufacturing experience is not required but applicants should have an interest in working in manufacturing.

Attaining a CPT certificate may increase an individual's chances of being hired by demonstrating to employers that the individual possess the core competencies required in manufacturing. Participants who complete training will be certified in safety, manufacturing processes and production, maintenance awareness, quality practices and measurement.

The CPT training classes will take place at Lower Columbia College from February 27 through April 21.

Participants who complete the training will be eligible for no-cost career coaching and job placement services through WorkSource.

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WorkSource is a partnership of state agencies, local service providers, colleges and community organizations that provide free employment and training services to employers and job seekers. WorkSource assists employers to recruit and screen for qualified applicants, provides wage reimbursement opportunities through on-the-job trainings, and supplies cost-savings information on employment tax credits. WorkSource serves more than 1,000 jobseekers and 200 businesses each month. For information about WorkSource, go to www.worksourcewa.com.

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