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## Workforce Southwest Washington Announces New Cowlitz County Board Member

**VANCOUVER, Wash. (Sept. 29, 2016)** – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) (formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council) has added a new board member to represent Cowlitz County.

Bob Gustainis, District Manager with Walgreens, joined the board this month. Gustainis will represent private sector business in Cowlitz County and will serve a three-year term. Gustainis manages 14 stores and 300 employees in Cowlitz and Clark counties and has more than 30 years of retail and management experience.

"We are very pleased to have Bob join our board," said Jeanne Bennett, WSW CEO. "His background and experience collaborating with schools and developing employee training programs at Walgreens gives him a unique perspective of the need for businesses to provide training for their employees."

For a complete list of WSW Board members, visit <u>http://workforcesw.org/about-workforce-sw-washington/board-committees</u>.

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.workforcesw.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: Photo of Bob Gustainis is attached.

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