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## Free training for entry-level manufacturing skills

Orientations June 3 and 4 at WorkSource

**Vancouver, Wash. (May 29, 2014)** – The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) is funding a new pilot program to provide free training to give individuals skills to help them obtain jobs in manufacturing.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Certified Production Technician program should attend a free orientation at WorkSource, 5411 E. Mill Plain, Suite 15,Vancouver at 1 p.m. on June 3 or June 4. To RSVP and for more information, contact Michelle at WorkSource at 360-735-4956 or <u>mmcclanahan@esd.wa.gov</u>.

Students will develop skills in core areas of safety, quality practices and measurement, manufacturing processes and production, and maintenance awareness.

Individuals who complete the program will also be eligible for career counseling and job placement assistance at no cost through WorkSource.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a GED or high school diploma. Classes will be held at Clark College's Columbia Tech Center campus Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from June 16 through September 22.

Space is limited and individuals are encouraged to contact WorkSource immediately for details.

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The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, is the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. SWWDC brings together funding, state agencies, local service providers, colleges and community organizations to provide employment and training services to businesses, job seekers and youth. Learn more at <u>www.swwdc.org</u>.

WorkSource is a partnership of state agencies, local service providers, colleges and community organizations that provide free employment and training services to job seekers and employers. WorkSource assists employers to recruit and screen for qualified applicants, provide wage reimbursement opportunities through On-the-Job Trainings, and supply cost-savings information on employment tax credits. WorkSource serves more than 1,000 jobseekers and 200 businesses each month. For more information, visit <u>www.go2worksource.com</u>.