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SWWDC Seeking Input from Building Trades and Construction Industry

VANCOUVER, Wash. (March 24, 2015) – The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) has released an online survey to gather information on areas of the building trades and the construction industry that may be facing shortages of trained workers.

“To most effectively gauge potential worker shortages and training needs, we’d like to receive input from commercial construction, home builders and the trades that work with them,” said Paige Spratt, a construction attorney with Immix Law Group and an SWWDC board member.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPXXMVQ> or through SWWDC’s website www.swwdc.org by clicking the “construction survey” link in the left column. Comments are requested by April 17.

The survey is a first step in SWWDC’s investigation of the specific needs of the construction industry and will help the organization and its workforce system partners develop strategies for recruitment and training and inform how the workforce system might align resources to develop and enhance training opportunities for prospective employees and help businesses identify, train and hire the workers they need.

The community is asked to share the survey link within their networks of residential, commercial, specialty and heavy civil construction, organized labor and trades, such as painters, roofers, electricians and general labor.

To learn more, contact Tracy Schreiber, Employer Services Manager, at tschreiber@swwdc.org or 360.567-3185.

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Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, is the Workforce Investment Board for Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. SWWDC brings together funding, service providers, colleges, economic development and community organizations to provide employment and training services to businesses, job seekers and youth. Its mission is to prepare and promote a skilled and adaptive workforce for a thriving economy in Southwest Washington. For more information, visit www.swwdc.org.