

## **Workforce Council Seeks Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Nominees for Board of Directors**

**VANCOUVER, Wash. (March 17, 2016)** – The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) is seeking nominations of Cowlitz and Wahkiakum business, labor or community group representatives to serve on its volunteer board of directors.

Nominations must be submitted by a leader of a chamber of commerce, economic development or labor organization or a City official and should detail the nominee’s qualifications and include the nominee’s resume. Nominations and accompanying documentation should be emailed to [info@swwdc.org](mailto:info@swwdc.org) by **4 p.m. April 29.**

SWWDC is seeking nominations for two private sector board positions and one public sector position. Selected individuals will serve a three-year term beginning September 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

Private Sector applicants must:

- Be the owner of the business, chief executive or operating officer or other business executive with policymaking or hiring authority.
- Represent a business that provides employment opportunities that include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in local industry sectors such as health care, manufacturing, construction, information technology, transportation and logistics, or other in-demand sectors.
- Either work or live in Clark, Cowlitz or Wahkiakum counties.
- Have an interest in workforce development and support SWWDC’s vision that residents have the jobs they want and employers have the workers they need.

Public Sector participants must:

- Represent organized labor or a community-based organization or nonprofit serving workers or job seekers.
- Work or live in Wahkiakum County.
- Have an interest in workforce development and support SWWDC’s vision that residents have the jobs they want and employers have the workers they need.

Applicants will be required to:

- Attend all board meetings held quarterly in March, June, September and December
- Attend the Board of Directors retreat, occurring biennially in the fall
- Serve on at least one committee (Emerging Workforce [Youth], Community Workforce Partnership, Finance or Executive)
- Be an advocate for the workforce development system by sharing information about workforce programs and services with business and personal connections and facilitate connections between personal contacts and SWWDC staff, etc.

Applications will be reviewed by a nomination sub-committee of the SWWDC board and prospective candidates will be interviewed.

Questions and inquiries should be directed to Jeanne Bennett, CEO, at [jbennett@swwdc.org](mailto:jbennett@swwdc.org) or 360.567.1073. Learn more at [www.swwdc.org](http://www.swwdc.org).

SWWDC is a Washington State 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation responsible for the administration and finances of federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs operating within Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

SWWDC contributes to regional economic growth by providing investments and resources to improve the skills and education of the workforce. SWWDC's goals are to 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. SWWDC partners with businesses, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools and community organizations.

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