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Workforce Development Council Launches Tech and Manufacturing Training Program for Long-term Unemployed and Veterans

VANCOUVER, Wash. (July 7, 2015) — WorkSource will hold information sessions beginning in July to introduce a new program for individuals unemployed longer than 27 weeks that are interested in training for jobs in tech or manufacturing.

Called RebootNW, the program will pair qualified individuals with career coaches to create personalized plans towards full-time employment. Plans might include an intensive two-week training, job shadowing, networking and education. Participants may be eligible to earn-while-they-learn through paid internships and on-the-job training opportunities.

To be considered for the program, an individual must:

- Be unemployed for at least 27 consecutive weeks **or** underemployed, meaning they lost a job during the recession and have not been able to obtain a position at a similar level or rate of pay, **or** an unemployed veteran or veteran-eligible spouse, out of work for any amount of time.
- Be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a resident of Clark, Cowlitz or Wahkiakum counties
- Have sufficient time available to dedicate to training or education
- Be interested in technology or manufacturing positions, such as:
 - Information Technology/Software
 - Computer Programmers
 - Computer Developers, Systems Software or Applications
 - Computer Support Specialists
 - Network and Computer Systems Support Specialists
 - Manufacturing
 - Managers (Operations, Industrial Production, Analysts)
 - First-Line Supervisors of Production/Operating Workers
 - Engineers (Electrical, Mechanical, Industrial, etc.)
 - Engineering Technicians
 - Machinists, CNC Operators/Programmers, Tool and Die Makers
 - Machine Operators
 - Industrial Machinery Mechanics and Maintenance

Individuals wanting to learn more should attend an information session this month.

- **Clark County:** Beginning July 9 and every Thursday from 1-2:30 p.m. at WorkSource Vancouver, 5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Suite 15, Vancouver, WA 98661. For assistance, call 360-735-4956.
- **Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties:** Beginning July 13 and every 2nd and 4th Monday from 1:30-3 p.m. at WorkSource Cowlitz/Wahkiakum, 305 S. Pacific Ave., Suite A, Kelso, WA 98626. For assistance, call 360-578-4231.

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Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), 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. SWWDC helps businesses find and hire the employees they need and provides people the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. SWWDC partners with employers, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools and community organizations. Learn more at www.swwdc.org.

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. Go information, go to www.go2worksource.com.