



EXCELLENCE IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS 2018-19 NOMINATION FORM

CLARK COUNTY NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNTY NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

Nomination Guidelines and Details

- You may nominate your own business or another business
- Select one of the categories below to nominate the selected business
- Write a paragraph (see Page 2) describing how the business you're nominating meets the nomination criteria as detailed in the categories below
- Submit nomination forms to info@workforcesw.org by 5 p.m. on October 5, 2018 for Clark County nominations, and 5 p.m. on January 11, 2019 for Cowlitz-Wahkiakum nominations
- Award recipients will be honored at regular WSW Board of Directors meetings (December 12 for Clark County recipients, and March 13 for Cowlitz-Wahkiakum recipients)

AWARD CATEGORY AND NOMINATION CRITERIA (CHECK ONE)

Innovation in Workforce Development: This business has demonstrated strong commitment to help youth and adults develop professional and technical skills to find jobs through the creation of innovative workforce opportunities including internships, externships, career-related learning experiences, mentoring, apprenticeship and/or participation in workforce events such as Manufacturing Day, Tech Tours and/or the Youth Employment Summit.

Excellence in Building Workforce Partnerships: This business has demonstrated strong engagement and investment in the community through the development of partnerships with community-based organizations, nonprofits, community colleges, other businesses and/or workforce entities to create employment and career-pathway opportunities for youth and adults.

Nominee (Business Name)

Name of Contact for this Business

Contact's Email

Contact's Phone

Your Name

Your Business Name

Your Email Address

Your Phone Number



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Describe how the business meets the nomination criteria as described in the category you've selected. Include information such as the nominees' most notable contributions to workforce development and positive impact on the community.

NOTE: You may include one additional letter of recommendation or supporting document (optional) and a personal testimonial or quote.

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



Past Workforce Excellence Award Recipients

Innovation

- **LSW Architects** – Design Co-mission internship program to expose high school students to careers in design <http://designco-mission.com>.
- **Silicon Forest Electronics** – Commitment to the support and growth of a robust and sustainable regional manufacturing workforce pipeline b fostering skills development in youth, internships and work-based learning opportunities, career training pathways and participation in workforce events, including Manufacturing Day and the Youth Employment Summit.
- **Red Leaf Organic Coffee** – Employee training and re-training, adult and youth mentorship opportunities, career fair participation.
- **Life Works** – Vocational development program to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities find jobs.

Partnership

- **Southwest Washington Contractors Association** – Active engagement in workforce development programs, including Clark College’s Worker Retraining Advisory Committee. Volunteering with Dozer Day to instill construction job interest in upcoming generations. Providing scholarships for students pursuing higher education.
- **Housing Opportunities of SW WA** – Development of Veterans Integration Program, in collaboration with Partners in Careers, WorkSource, AmeriCorps, Veterans Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Vets to assist homeless veterans with housing, supporting and employment services.