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June 2024 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Three Community-Based Organizations to receive grants from WSW



We are excited to announce that WSW will be awarding \$245,000 in Department of Commerce Community Reinvestment Fund grants to three community-based organizations, LatinoBuilt, Business Impact NW, and Fourth Plain Forward, to help meet the workforce needs of entrepreneurs, small businesses, and businesses owned or operated by Black, Indigenous, Latine, and other underserved communities. More details will be shared as the programs take shape and are launched.

Ways to help your employees balance work and childcare



Balancing a career and raising children can be challenging for parents. Childcare is not only expensive but is often difficult to find. This forces parents to take time and attention away from their jobs. Parents in this situation need flexibility and will benefit from active communication with their employer on childcare policies and their needs.

Read our newest blog for more information on how you can help working parents!

[Read the blog here](#)

Regional infrastructure market study analyzes workforce strengths and opportunities

INTERSTATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (IBR)

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE MARKET STUDY



The Interstate 5 Bridge provides a critical connection between the states of Washington and Oregon that supports local jobs and families and is a vital trade route for regional, national and international economies.

WSW and its partners [Clackamas Workforce Partnership](#), [Worksystems](#), [Estolano Advisors](#), [Oregon Employment Department](#), and [Portland State University](#) were commissioned

by the [Interstate Bridge Replacement Program](#) (IBR) to conduct a Regional Infrastructure Workforce Market Study to analyze the strengths and opportunities that currently exist in the regional workforce.

[Read the blog here](#)

24 Future Leaders begin internships



We're happy to announce that 19 businesses are hosting 24 WSU Vancouver students as Future Leaders Project interns this summer! Thank you to these companies and to our partners at [Columbia River Economic Development Council](#) and [Washington State University Vancouver](#) for investing in our future workforce!

Click below to learn more about the Future Leaders Project and view the list of host businesses!

[View Future Leaders Project Page](#)

New Board Members



Welcome, new WSW board members!

WSW is excited to welcome six new board members. Pictured above from left to right, Matt Seimears, Lower Columbia College; Max Booth, Maddox Industrial Transformer; Dustin Hysmith, NWRC of Smart Local 16 Sheet Metal Workers; Joe Vansyckle, Employment Security Department, Kyria McGill, Portco Packaging, and Ed Nicholson, TSMC.

Board Member Renewals include Dr. Karin Edwards, Clark College; Jen Baker, Columbia River Economic Development Council; Tracy Doriot, Doriot Construction LLC; A.D. Simmons, Aligned Lifestyle Concierge; Monte Constable, Department of Social and Health Services and John Vanderkin, On-line Support.

The board elected A.D. Simmons, Aligned Lifestyle Concierge, as Chair. Corie Giles, Norpac, continues as Vice Chair and Renny Christopher, WSU Vancouver, will be returning as Treasurer for the fourth year.

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**WSW CEO Miriam Halliday
receives Portland Business
Journal's
40 Under 40 award**



Workforce Southwest Washington's CEO, Miriam Halliday, has been selected as one of the recipients for the Portland Business Journal's 40 under 40 award! Each year the Portland Business Journal receives nearly 300 nominations for this program.

Congratulations, Miriam! Your leadership is helping us build a region where economic prosperity and growth exists for every person.

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Workforce System in the News

[Five ways WorkSource helps job seekers become job ready](#) - *Kelso Longview Chamber "Business Connection"*

[Workforce Southwest Washington to host employee recruitment workshop](#) - *The Reflector*

[WorkSource has money available for employee training](#) - *The Columbian*

[Workforce Southwest Washington to hold business workshops](#) - *The Columbian*

[Spring Resource Event for Youth](#) - *Wahkiakum County Eagle*

[Workforce development provides cornerstone of economic growth](#) - *Kelso Longview Chamber "Business Connection"*

Partner Events

Next Workshops | 120 NE 136th Avenue, Suite 130, Vancouver, WA 98684
Financial Workshops presented by IQ Credit Union
| June 18, 2024 | 2 p.m.
Interview Skills | June 26, 2024 | 12:30 p.m.
Financial Workshops presented by IQ Credit Union
| June 30, 2024 | 2 p.m.
[Schedule of events at Next](#)

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), a 501c3 nonprofit and the Local Workforce Development Board for Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties, is dedicated to leading a regional workforce development system where every individual has access to quality employment and every business has access to a highly skilled workforce. WSW designs, coordinates and funds workforce programs and services in collaboration with local partners. Our initiatives aim to equip both youth and adults with the essential skills, training, and education required for employment and career advancement. We aid in business growth by funding and collaborating with quality companies to facilitate

recruitment, training, and retention of skilled employees.

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