



MARCH 2024 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

WSW seeks public comment on Local Workforce Plan



Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) has updated the Regional Workforce Plan for 2024-2028 and is seeking community feedback on the draft document.

The plan describes the regional workforce system, local economy, and labor market, and outlines strategies, goals, programming, services, and activities designed for a workforce development system where every individual has access to high-quality employment and every business has access to a highly-skilled workforce.

The draft Local Plan is available for public review and comment for 30 days beginning March 1.

[View Draft Plan](#)

Strategic Planning Facilitation Proposals Sought



WSW is launching a strategic planning process and is seeking an organization or facilitator to support us through a comprehensive and collaborative process to ensure meaningful engagement with the community, our board, staff and all interested parties.

Tasks include defining goals that align with our mission, vision and values, assessing current challenges and opportunities, facilitating conversations with key audiences, and developing a clear roadmap for success.

Funding for this RFQ comes from U.S. DOL WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker funds. [Visit our website](#) to learn the sources and proportions.

Proposals are due March 15, 2024, by 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).

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Funding for Job Seeker + Business Services



Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is seeking proposals from organizations to provide Youth, Adult, and Business Navigation workforce services in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties of Washington State under the Economic Security for All (Thrive) program.

Funding for this RFP comes from federal and state Economic Security for All (Thrive) grants.

[Visit our website](#) to learn the sources and proportions.

Proposals are due April 1, 2024, by 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).

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Seeking Proposals for Financial Audit Services



Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is seeking proposals from qualified CPA Firms to audit its financial statements: balance sheet and related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and two subsequent years.

Proposals are due April 29, 2024, by 8 a.m. (Pacific Time).

[View Request for Proposals](#)

Employers play a key role in moving low-income residents to family-wage jobs

Thank you, Legislators, for passing

HB 2230

Economic Security for All

Investing in employees is crucial for businesses. Providing people with training and services that enable them to become self-sufficient pays dividends and meets a critical need in filling the open positions of our local businesses. Making the

connection between people and companies is one of the ways [Workforce Southwest Washington](#) (WSW) supports our region.

[Read the article here](#)

Join the Workforce Southwest Washington Board of Directors



WSW is recruiting new board members to fill Private Sector seats representing Clark and Cowlitz counties. If you are an owner or executive of a construction, manufacturing, semi-conductor, healthcare or clean energy company in either county and are interested in serving on WSW's Board, please [complete an application](#).

The board is dedicated to a workforce system that supports businesses, regional industry sectors, and all levels of employers and job seekers and meets the community and economic needs of the region. [Click here](#) to learn more about WSW's Board of Directors.

[Board Application](#)



Job Opportunity: Construction as a Career Program Manager

WSW and [Southwest Washington Contractors Association](#) (SWCA) are excited to announce our collaboration and joint funding of a new position at SWCA – Construction as a Career Program Manager!

This position will lead workforce development efforts on behalf of both organizations in Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties to ensure residents of Southwest Washington are prepared for, and have access to, high-quality jobs in construction.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC) seeks business input



Cowlitz County businesses, you can help to bolster economic growth, attract top-tier talent, and enhance the overall appeal of Cowlitz County by sharing your employee retention and recruiting experiences with the Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC) in a survey. Your brief investment of time to complete the survey will help yield long-term benefits to the community. Access the survey at <https://buff.ly/49tNmAx>.

[View Survey](#)

Workforce System in the News

[Workforce Southwest Washington's new draft highlights economies of Cowlitz, Clark, Wahkiakum counties](#) - *Daily News*

[Employers play key role in moving low-income residents to family-wage jobs](#) - *Vancouver Business Journal*

[Vancouver career program Next prepares young adults 16 to 24 years old for future](#) - *The Columbian*

[5 ways WorkSource can help job seekers in Cowlitz and Wahkaikum counties](#) - *Kelso Longview Chamber "Business Connection" (Page 6)*

Partner Events

Next Workshops | 120 NE 136th Avenue, Suite 130, Vancouver, WA 98684

Resume and Cover Letter | March 15, 2024 | 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Interview Skills | March 29, 2024 | 2 - 3:30 p.m.

[Schedule of events at Next](#)

WorkSource Vancouver Hiring Event | March 20, 2024 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | 204 SE Stonemill Drive Suite 215, Vancouver, WA 98684

[Register for Hiring Event](#)

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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