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## Workforce Southwest Washington Seeking Companies for Youth Hiring Event and Career Fair

**Vancouver, Wash. (Dec. 18, 2018)** – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is seeking companies to host tables at the Youth Employment Summit (YES) on March 19 at the Clark County Event Center.

The YES event is an opportunity for companies to engage with their future workforce, promote their company, industry and job opportunities. It provides high school-aged individuals an opportunity to explore careers in our region's high-growth, high-demand industries and find first jobs. More than 600 students are expected from school districts in Clark and Cowlitz counties.

Preparing youth with skills and options is vital for our local economy and crucial to filling business workforce needs.

Companies have three opportunities to participate:

1. **Host a table.** Healthcare, Tech, Manufacturing and Construction companies can host a table to share information about their company, types of education/training needed and open jobs, answer questions and provide hands-on demonstrations or activities. Assistance is available for employers that need help designing an activity.
2. **Hire a student.** Businesses in any industry are needed to hire students (particularly 16-18 year olds). Work experience is critical to a student's future success in the workforce.
3. **Be a sponsor.** Corporate support ensures as many young people as possible have an opportunity to participate.

Employers interested in hosting a table or hiring students can register at <https://bit.ly/2BArYwi>. Registration is free.

For sponsorship opportunities and more information, contact Darcy Hoffman, Director of Business Services at Workforce Southwest Washington, at [dhoffman@workforcesw.org](mailto:dhoffman@workforcesw.org) or 360-608-4949.

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**Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW)**, 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. WSW-funded programs operated by WorkSource and community-based organizations help businesses find and hire the employees they need and provide people with the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. Learn more at [www.workforcesw.org](http://www.workforcesw.org).

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