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Businesses sought for Youth Employment Summit (YES) career and hiring fair

Vancouver, Wash. (Dec. 19, 2019) – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is seeking businesses to participate in its fourth annual Youth Employment Summit (YES) on March 19, 2020 at the Clark County Event Center.

YES is an opportunity for companies to engage with their future workforce, build awareness of their company and promote job opportunities to approximately 500 young adults, ages 16 to 24, from school districts and youth programs across Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2pXp7dZ>. Registration is \$50 and includes a 6-foot display table.

For more information, contact Alyssa Joyner, Senior Project Manager – Manufacturing at ajoyner@workforcesw.org or 503.410.0408.

Companies can participate in three ways:

1. **Host a table.** Health care, tech, manufacturing and construction companies can host a table to share company information, including types of education/training needed and open jobs, answer questions and provide hands-on demonstrations or activities. *Assistance is available for companies that need help designing an activity.*
2. **Hire a student.** Businesses in all industries are needed to hire young adults (especially 16-18-year-olds) for first jobs. Work experience is critical to a young person's future success in the workforce. Providing youth with opportunities to work and gain job skills is vital for our local economy and crucial to meeting business workforce needs.
3. **Be a sponsor.** Business support ensures as many young people as possible have an opportunity to participate. Contact Darcy Hoffman at dhoffman@workforcesw.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities!

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Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) funds community prosperity by investing in services that help individuals gain skills to find a good-paying job or advance in their careers and help companies attract, train and retain workers. Our investments strengthen the region's businesses and contribute to a strong economy. Since 2003, we've invested more than \$100 million in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. Learn more at www.workforcesw.org.

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