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Jon Girod of Quail Homes receives statewide workforce award

Vancouver, Wash. (Nov. 21, 2024) – Jon Girod, owner of Quail Homes, received the “Workforce Employer of the Year” award from the Washington Workforce Association at its annual conference on November 14 for his work connecting the next generation with opportunities to learn about and experience construction and the skilled trades as potential careers.

Girod’s “Careers in Construction” program has activities for elementary school through high school. Its goal is to lead the efforts in providing top-notch facilities, programming and networking for the growth of Career Technical Education (CTE) Construction Programs in Southwest Washington. It started less than three years ago with fewer than 100 students enrolled in construction classes. In the 2023-2024 school year, more than 1,250 students are enrolled.

According to Darcy Hoffman, Director of Business Services at Workforce Southwest Washington, “Jon has become a resource for the Southwest Washington region on how to build new skills centers on high school property, create sustainable construction programs that will fund themselves for years to come, and how to get things done for an industry that needs this next generation of workers.”

Quail Homes is a Vancouver-based custom homebuilder celebrating 35 years in business. Visit <https://quailhomes.com/>. Careers in Construction is Quail's charitable arm focusing on workforce development. Visit <https://quailhomes.com/careers-in-construction/>.

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Jon Girod (center) received the Washington Workforce Association’s “Workforce Employer of the Year” award from Rod Van Alyne, CEO of Rural Resources (left) and Mark Mattke, CEO of Spokane Workforce Council (right) at the Washington Workforce Association’s conference.

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Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), a nonprofit organization, is the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) designated by federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) legislation to oversee the public workforce system in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. WSW funds investments in community-based organizations, nonprofits and other groups that help individuals gain skills to obtain good-paying jobs or advance in their careers and help companies recruit, train and retain workers.

Washington Workforce Association (WWA) – The Washington Workforce Association (WWA) is a nonprofit nonpartisan membership organization of the 12 Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards) of Washington State. The purpose of the Washington Workforce Association (WWA) is to influence, impact and scale systems-level innovation through the collective power, advocacy and collaboration of the Washington workforce system leaders. Visit <https://washingtonworkforce.org/>.



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