

2017 Washington Workforce Development News



December 19, 2017

GOVERNOR INSLEE AWARDS \$6.4 MILLION FOR YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS, INTERNSHIPS

Earlier this month, Governor Inslee awarded \$6.4 million in grants to multiple Workforce Development Councils and STEM partners throughout the state to jumpstart his initiative to expand career-connected learning opportunities for Washington youth. Job shadows, internships, and apprenticeships are just a few of the career connections that will be available to as many as 29,000 Washington young people. The grants support the Career Connect Washington initiative and its Task Force, co-chaired by Workforce Board Chair Perry England and Microsoft President Brad Smith. More details at: <http://bit.ly/2Bfo11J>

NEW DIRECTOR HIRED TO HEAD SOUTH CENTRAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Jack Fitzgerald recently began work as the new executive director/CEO of the South Central Workforce Development Council, which includes Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania and Yakima counties. He succeeds long-time director Patrick Baldoz, who is retiring. Fitzgerald served as director of the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council for two years before moving to South Central. Prior to that, he worked as an Employment Security Department administrator, after serving in the U.S. Navy for 22 years.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEBINARS IN 2018 FOCUS ON CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS

Monthly webinars aimed at school counselors hosted by the Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction and the Washington Student Achievement Council continue into the new year. The Jan. 17 session will focus on K-12 Career and College Readiness. More:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/Training.aspx>

USDA ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

USDA is accepting applications for loans and grants to support business expansion, create jobs, and increase economic opportunities in rural communities. Funding is provided through USDA's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program. This program provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations to help businesses with 10 or fewer employees access capital to start or grow businesses. Funds are used to provide training and technical assistance or establish revolving loan funds, typically \$5,000 to \$50,000.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-microentrepreneur-assistance-program>

ROXANNE TREES WINS 2018 NATIONAL ACTE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Roxanne Trees, a retired CTE Specialist with the Seattle School District, has won a lifetime achievement award from the national organization that supports career and technical education. Trees is a former Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and also served as president of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education from 2007 to 2009. Read more about her accomplishments and the award at:

<https://www.acteonline.org/general.aspx?id=12954#.WjlsDYfrs2z>

December 7, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD TO HEAR ABOUT UPSKILL BACKFILL AT JANUARY 10 MEETING

The Workforce Board will ring in the New Year at a meeting that features a presentation on the first phase of the Upskill Backfill Initiative, designed to "upskill" entry- and mid-level employees in key industries, while "backfilling" open positions with new hires. The Workforce Board awarded \$1.6 million in competitive grants,

using federal funding made available by Governor Inslee, to seven different projects across the state in healthcare, construction, and manufacturing. More Jan. 10 board meeting details coming soon!

2018 DIRECTORY FEATURES OVER 40 WORKFORCE PROGRAMS IN ONE PLACE

The Workforce Board has updated its online directory of Washington's workforce development programs for 2018. The directory provides a detailed look at the state's 40-plus education and training programs including the number of participants, state and federal funding, and contact info.

<http://wtb.wa.gov/WorkforceDevelopmentDirectory.asp>

NEW WEB PAGE CREATED FOR AGENCY PRESENTATIONS TO WORKFORCE BOARD

State agency partners who work with the Workforce Board to advance the state's strategic plan for workforce development, "Talent and Prosperity for All" are providing regular presentations to the Workforce Board showing ways they are advancing the plan. Find the most recent presentations at

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/AdministeringAgencyPresentations.asp>

EXPO TO HIGHLIGHT FUTURE OF INNOVATION IN FIVE-COUNTY REGION

Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council CEO Cheryl Fambles is moderating a panel at today's (Dec. 7) 2017 Regional Economic Forecast and Innovation Expo at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton. The conference brings together regional businesses from a wide range of industry sectors within Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties. <http://regionalinnovationexpo.com/>

AEROSPACE CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD RATES AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 15

The Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance (PNAA) is holding a conference February 12-15 in Lynnwood that features industry experts, Boeing supply chain and marketing leadership, executive networking, and more. The early bird registration rate is available through the end of next week. <http://bit.ly/2j1dleX>

November 14, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD TO DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TOMORROW

The Workforce Board is expected to discuss on Wednesday (Nov. 15) the board's legislative strategy, which is centered on the state's workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All." The Board meeting will start at 9 a.m. at the South Puget Sound Community College Lacey campus. The Board will also discuss career-connected learning, Washington's apprenticeship system and the Swiss apprenticeship model, among other items. More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/November15agenda.asp>

HEALTH WORKFORCE COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEEK

The Health Workforce Council meets this Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in Olympia and will discuss, among other things, progress made by the Industry Sentinel Network in identifying emerging health workforce trends, as well as hear an update on the Behavioral Health Workforce Assessment. Staffed by the Workforce Board, the Council brings together professionals from a variety of healthcare associations, education institutions, and government agencies to address healthcare personnel shortages in Washington. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthWorkforceCouncilMeetings.asp>

CAREER BRIDGE INCLUDED IN NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION GUIDE

A new guide released by Advanced CTE features www.CareerBridge.wa.gov as an example of how states can effectively use labor market information to support career awareness and exploration. Many states, including Washington, rely on labor market information to help create new Career and Technical education programs and to inform program design. Career Bridge, overseen by the Workforce Board, includes over 6,500 education programs in one place, with employment and earnings results for nearly half of them. The site is used every day

by Washington middle and high school students to chart their career and education pathways. More info: <https://careertech.org/resource/putting-LMI-right-hands-guide>

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT HONORS WASHINGTON COMPANIES FOR HIRING VETERANS

Twelve Washington businesses and government agencies have been honored by the state's Employment Security Department for their effort in employing military veterans in 2017. Hire-A-Vet award recipients were nominated by WorkSource veterans employment representatives who work directly with employers to help recruit, hire, and retain veterans. Find out who is on the list and more about this award at: <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/washington-companies-honored-for-hiring-veterans>

WESTERN REGIONAL REENGAGEMENT PLUS CONFERENCE COMING IN DECEMBER

Set for December 6-8 in Tacoma, this conference focuses on reengagement services for young adults ages 16-24 through workshops, focused discussions, networking, and site visits in Pierce and South King County. Register and find out more at: <https://s08.123signup.com/event/details/hftqc>

October 23, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY

The Workforce Board will hold a special call-in meeting this Thursday, October 26 to discuss legislative updates, progress toward a new workforce system inventory, and the Board's business engagement strategy. Details: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/October26agenda.asp>

TAP ACCELERATOR PROJECTS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE

This summer, the Workforce Board awarded \$1.6 million in competitive grants to seven different projects designed to "upskill" entry- and mid-level employees through additional education and training. This initiative helps move employees ahead in their careers, while helping businesses gain a skilled workforce. It's part of a larger effort to accelerate implementation of the state's strategic workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All," or TAP. Projects were funded through federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act dollars allocated by Gov. Inslee. More: http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator_phase1.asp

WASHINGTON AWARDED \$66.7 MILLION TO HELP STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR COLLEGE

The Washington Student Achievement Council has received a seven-year, \$24.5 million grant to increase college readiness and success for 5,500 low-income students in 48 schools statewide through the Washington state GEAR UP Program. The Council is one of three organizations in Washington to receive funds from this U.S. Department of Education grant. GEAR UP programs at the University of Washington and Washington State University will receive \$12.2 million and \$30 million. More: <http://bit.ly/2gxJtCl>

WESTERN GOVERNORS WORKSHOP IN SEATTLE FOCUSED ON APPRENTICESHIP

Governor Inslee will host and speak at the fourth workshop of the Western Governors' Workforce Development Initiative on Nov. 1-2 in Seattle. Panelists will address expanding apprenticeship programs and career-connected learning. The workshop will also explore workforce development in the healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and IT sectors. Workforce Board Chair Perry England is moderating a panel at this workshop.

REGISTER TODAY FOR WASHINGTON WORKFORCE CONFERENCE

Time is running out to register for the Washington Workforce Association two-day conference. The Nov. 7-8 conference, held at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel, brings together workforce professionals to discuss challenges and opportunities to strengthen the state's workforce system. The Workforce Board is a conference sponsor and will provide a presentation on the Board's Upskill Backfill Initiative that is skilling up workers in key industries across the state. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2zJxGsM>

October 5, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD TO HOLD SPECIAL OCTOBER MEETING

The Workforce Board will hold a special call-in board meeting on October 26 to discuss legislative updates, progress toward a new workforce system inventory, and the Board's business engagement strategy. More details coming soon!

TWO WEEKS LEFT TO REPORT STUDENT DATA

Schools reporting student data to the Workforce Board have until October 25 to finish loading records into the agency's secure, encrypted Student Data Portal. Get detailed instructions and watch a recorded webinar. The Workforce Board uses this data to evaluate the performance of education and training programs, including employment and earnings of recent graduates.

OCTOBER EMPLOYER FORUM TO FOCUS ON HIDDEN WORKFORCE

A forum focused on hiring formerly incarcerated workers who have participated in further education and employment readiness programs is set for Tuesday, October 10 at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup. The forum, which is free, is presented by Washington State Correctional Industries, Washington Statewide Reentry Council, Department of Commerce, State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, and Department of Corrections. Get more details here.

SENTINEL NETWORK SEEKS DATA ON HEALTH WORKFORCE TRENDS

The Washington Health Workforce Sentinel Network is asking healthcare employers for ground-level feedback on which occupations are in demand, which present recruiting difficulties, and if there are any changes in the roles of staff, or needed skills. The Sentinel Network is a collaboration of the Workforce Board and the University of Washington's Center for Health Workforce Studies, with funding from the Washington State Health Care Authority. Submit your data or become a Sentinel here. View a summary of trends here.

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September 18, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD TO RESEARCH STREAMLINED WORKFORCE SERVICES

The Workforce Board has contracted with Community Attributes Inc. (CAI) of Seattle to research and identify how to streamline workforce services across multiple programs and funding streams. The project runs from October through July 2018. Gov. Inslee allocated federal workforce dollars to fund the \$88,480 project, which is expected to lead to better client outcomes, enhance accessibility, and eliminate duplication among workforce partners. http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator_WorkforceServices.asp

STUDENT DATA REPORTING WEBINAR NOW ONLINE

The Workforce Board recently held two webinars to help schools learn how to submit data quickly and efficiently through the agency's secure, encrypted Student Data Portal. Nearly 90 people attended. Missed the webinar? No problem. You can view recorded webinars at: http://www.wtb.wa.gov/PCS_AnnualReport.asp. The deadline to submit data is October 25. The Workforce Board uses this data to evaluate the performance of education programs, including employment and earnings of recent graduates.

NEW CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WA YOUTH BECOME CAREER READY

Career Connect Washington, a public-private partnership that includes the Workforce Board, has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), through a first round of funding that aims to reach 15,000 Washington youth with career-connected learning and registered apprenticeship opportunities. An estimated eight to 12 contracts will be funded, ranging from \$300,000 to \$1.3 million per contract, paid for through federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act dollars and other leveraged resources. Workforce Development Councils and STEM Networks are lead applicants. Applications are due October 24. More:

<https://washingtonstem.app.box.com/s/ub8kqx3mwo577i74mj58qf9wmjjj5jwa>

September INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT: RETAIL CAREERS MONTH

The Washington Retail Association in conjunction with WorkSource and the Governor's Office are promoting careers in retail this month to recognize the many entry-level and management opportunities in this sector. It's part of a larger effort to promote different career opportunities through WorkSourceWa.com, the online portal to the state's one-stop career center system. Read more:

<https://www.worksourcewa.com/microsite/Content.aspx?appid=MGSWAINFO&pageType=simple&seo=retail&scmdlCmscc=1#training-cntr>

PRESENTATION DEADLINE NEARS FOR WORKFORCE CONFERENCE

The Washington Workforce Association is seeking presentations for the association's second annual conference, slated for Nov. 7-8 in SeaTac. Dubbed "Working Together for a Better Workforce," this two-day conference focuses on better engaging businesses, youth, and jobseekers. Organizers are seeking 75-90 minute presentations. Proposals are due Thursday, September 21.

August 29, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS NEXT MONTH IN MOSES LAKE

The Workforce Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at the Moses Lake WorkSource Center on September 13. The Board will begin identifying its priorities for the coming year, among other topics. A pre-meeting event will be held on the evening of September 12. More details coming soon.

ESD LAUNCHES BLOG FOCUSED ON EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

The state's Employment Security Department has launched a #PowerofaJob campaign through a new blog and social media that showcases success stories from the field. Sign up for the blog. Or follow the posts on Facebook and Twitter.

FORMER WORKFORCE BOARD STAFFER WINS CTE AWARD

Terri Colbert, who retired from the Workforce Board as program administrator for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Carl Perkins Career and Technical Act, was awarded the first-ever Washington Association of Career and Technical Education Champion of the Year Award. The award recognizes those who champion CTE programs as a "vital part of developing a prepared, adaptable, and competitive workforce."

WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS STUDENT DATA WEBINARS

Schools reporting student data in the coming weeks to the Workforce Board's Student Data Portal can learn how to provide their data securely and efficiently. Workforce Board staff are holding two webinars, including one tomorrow (August 30), and another on Sept. 13.

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR PAVE THE WAY CONFERENCE

Registration is open for the 2017 Pave the Way conference set for October 19 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. The annual conference organized by the Washington Student Achievement Council focuses on strategies to advance equity, increase college readiness, and broaden access to higher education in Washington. Early bird rates are available through Sept. 25.

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August 17, 2017

SENTINEL NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS HEALTH WORKFORCE TRENDS, SHORTAGES

The latest findings on Washington's health workforce needs have been posted to the Sentinel Network site. Launched in 2016, the Network links the healthcare industry with key partners to respond to new and changing demand for healthcare workers. It's a collaboration of the Workforce Board and the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies, with funding through the Healthier Washington initiative. The most recent survey was conducted this spring. More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthSentinel/>

OSPI TO LAUNCH STUDENT ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN JUST IN TIME FOR SCHOOL

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has created an attendance campaign that includes posters and public service announcements, along with a social media toolkit, to encourage students to come to school every day. The campaign will launch in September when students head back to class. Get more at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Attendance/Communication.aspx>

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WORKFORCE SERVICES MOVE TO NEW TACOMA LOCATION

ResCare Workforce Services, which contracts with the Workforce Development Council of Tacoma-Pierce County to provide youth and young adult services, has moved its primary service location to the WorkSource Pierce Job Center at 3650 S. Cedar St. in Tacoma. Services include high school completion, career aptitude and skill assessments, interview and job search skills, education and training information, and more. <http://workforce-central.org/2017/08/11/youth-and-young-adult-workforce-development-services-move-to-new-location/>

NOMINATE THOSE WHO HELP EMPLOY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment and the Washington State Business Leadership Network are now accepting award nominations for employers and individuals who make extra efforts to recruit, hire, advance, and retain employees with disabilities. The Governor's Employer Awards program honors employers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and a youth employer who prepares youth for jobs. Applications are due September 10. <https://esd.wa.gov/GCDE/projects>

MAIL CHIMP COMING TO A SCREEN NEAR YOU!

After many years of sending out America's favorite workforce newsletter from an old-fashioned email system, the Workforce Board is transitioning to Mail Chimp. You'll go bananas over the crisp design, handsome formatting, and engaging content in the next edition of workforce news. So stay tuned!

July 19, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON UPSKILL-BACKFILL PROJECTS

The Workforce Board meets at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 27 for a special phone-in meeting to take action on a second round of Upskill-Backfill Projects. Governor Inslee has made available \$480,000 in grants to projects that help Washington workers gain skills to move forward in their careers, while new workers "backfill" openings created by workers advancing to new positions. It's part of a larger effort to accelerate implementation of the state's workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All." More:

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/July27agenda.asp>

WORKFORCE BOARD ISSUES RFP TO STUDY STREAMLINING WORKFORCE SERVICES

The Workforce Board has issued a Request for Proposals for an analysis of different workforce intake processes around the state. This research will lead to a report recommending ways to better integrate a broad range of services, enhance accessibility, reduce duplication, and streamline customer intake at different state agencies and other partner organizations. Deadline for proposals is August 15. More:

http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator_WorkforceServices.asp

JULY 30 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR WESTERN REGIONAL REENGAGEMENT PLUS CONFERENCE

Get the early bird rate on the Western Regional Reengagement Plus Conference, slated for December 6-8 in Tacoma, when you register by July 30. The conference focuses on reengagement services for young adults ages 16-24 through workshops, focused discussions, networking, and site visits in Pierce and south King County.

Register and find out more at: <https://s08.123signup.com/event/details/hftqc>

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SEEKS NEW WORKSOURCE SITES

The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council invites community organizations in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties to become WorkSource sites, helping to provide employment services to more people and businesses in the five-county region. A technical assistance conference for potential partners is set for this Thursday, July 20. Find out more at: <http://www.pacmtn.org/creating-next-generation-worksource-american-job-centers/>

WORKFORCE SNOHOMISH AWARDED \$277,000 GRANT TO HELP HOMELESS VETS CONNECT WITH JOB TRAINING

The Workforce Snohomish Workforce Development Council received \$277,000 to provide homeless veterans in Snohomish County with job training and support services to assist in their reintegration into the workforce. It's funded through the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service program. The Snohomish County initiative includes two employment navigators located in Everett at the WorkSource Snohomish County Service Center to provide in-depth employment assessments, individualized employment plans, and other services. More at: <http://www.workforcesnohomish.org/inform/press/>

June 20, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS TOMORROW TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE WORKFORCE PLAN

The Workforce Board meets Wednesday (tomorrow) in Olympia from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will discuss progress in implementing the state's strategic workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All" (TAP), among other items. The Board will also have an opportunity to review a statewide Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiated among core partners that deliver services at WorkSource employment centers. Hear a narrated powerpoint on the MOU and get other meeting details at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/June21agenda.asp>

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP WEBINAR SET FOR NEXT WEEK

Learn more about youth apprenticeships at a webinar slated for Monday, June 26 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. presented by the state's Department of Labor and Industries and the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC). Register for the webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3108515467483558915>

CTE TEACHERS: APPLY FOR \$100K HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS AWARD

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is offering three first-place prizes of \$100,000, with \$70,000 going to high school skilled trades program and \$30,000 to individual skilled trades teachers. Seven second place prizes will also be awarded. Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, LLC supports the advancement of skilled trades education in public high schools and highlights how these programs offer pathways to graduation, good jobs, further education, and a skilled workforce. More details: <http://www.harborfreightteachingprize.com>

YES VETS CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY, PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS HONORED

Washington's Employment Security Department, along with the state's Department of Veterans Affairs, recently celebrated the second anniversary of the YesVets program, a statewide initiative that promotes hiring veterans. Since launching in February 2016, roughly 450 employers have hired 1,300 veterans. Get more information about employers who were honored and learn how to enroll in the program: <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/veterans-employers-celebrate-yesvets-veteran-hiring-initiative-with-flag-day-event-at-capitol>

DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING FOR WORKFORCE BOARD'S SECOND PHASE OF UPSKILL BACKFILL INITIATIVE

The Workforce Board has issued a Request for Proposals for organizations to apply for a second round of funding for demonstration projects that are part of the "Upskill-Backfill" Initiative. Governor Inslee has made available \$480,000 in grants to projects that help Washington workers gain skills to move forward in their careers, while new workers "backfill" newly created openings advancing workers leave behind. It's part of a larger effort to accelerate implementation of the state's workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All." Deadline for proposals is June 30. Learn more at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator.asp>

June 12, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD SEEKS SECOND PHASE OF UPSKILL BACKFILL PROPOSALS, HOSTS WEBINAR TUESDAY

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VIEW RECORDED BROADCAST FROM GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

On May 31, the Workforce Board co-hosted the Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning, drawing more than 1,300 participants focused on creating more career-related opportunities to prepare Washington youth for high-demand jobs. Didn't make it to the Summit? No worries! The Summit's General Session, held on the Microsoft campus, was broadcast live to two dozen regional sites that hosted local meetings. Watch a

recording of the live feed with speeches from Gov. Inslee, and other industry, policy, and education leaders:
<https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2017051109>

CAREER BRIDGE FEATURES NEW CAREER VIDEOS

www.CareerBridge.wa.gov, the Workforce Board's award-winning website that includes over 6,500 Washington education programs, now features videos for over 100 careers. One way to watch: Click on an occupation in the "View Job Trends" section of the site. The videos provide users a first-hand look at a career in a fun, engaging way. Subtitles are included. Videos are not available for all occupations. More videos will be added as they become available. Find out what it's like to be an anesthesiologist:

<http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/MoviePlayer.aspx?soc=291061>

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CTE

This summer, the national Association for Career and Technical Education will commemorate landmark events that charted the course to today's CTE, beginning with the Smith-Hughes National Vocational Education Act of 1917. This marked the first federal investment in high school vocational education, providing funding to states for agriculture, home-making and industrial education.

[http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/What is CTE/CTE Awareness/CTE%20Timeline.pdf](http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/What_is_CTE/CTE_Awareness/CTE%20Timeline.pdf)

SPEAKING OF CTE, IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE IN SPOKANE

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education is hosting its annual summer conference at Spokane's Davenport Grand Hotel Aug. 6-9. The Workforce Board co-sponsors the annual conference which brings together hundreds of career and technical education educators from across the state and includes a wide range of workshops and presentations. More details at: <http://wa-acte.org/confsummer.php>

May 11, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR SECOND PHASE OF UPSKILL BACKFILL INITIATIVE

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<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator.asp>

CEO OF SEATTLE-KING COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TAKES NEW JOB

Marlena Sessions, CEO of the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County since 2009, has been hired by Grant Associates, a nationally recognized workforce development firm, to serve as vice president of public and private partnerships. Sessions will engage with national leaders around key issues facing local economies. More: <http://www.grantassociatesinc.com/category/news/>

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY FOCUS OF NEW WORKSOURCEWA.COM CAREER PAGE

WorkSourceWA.com has a new webpage that helps jobseekers more readily find jobs in the hospitality industry, including information on how much jobs pay, training required to land a job, and a "quick search" tool that sorts openings by job title. Nearly a quarter million people are employed in hospitality in Washington and Gov. Inslee declared May 2017 as Hospitality Month. View the new webpage at:

<https://www.worksourcewa.com/microsite/Content.aspx?appid=MGSWAINFO&pageType=simple&seo=hospitality&scmdlCmscc=1>

TIME TO REGISTER FOR GOVERNOR'S MAY 31 SUMMIT ON CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

The Workforce Board is co-hosting the Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning on May 31. The Governor will speak at the Microsoft campus, along with industry, policy, and education leaders who will discuss how to create more career-related opportunities to prepare Washington youth for high-demand jobs. The Summit is the culmination of an 18-month Policy Academy on Work-Based Learning led by the Workforce Board and the Governor's Office. The main site at Microsoft is filled, but more than two dozen regional sites are hosting locally driven meetings and connecting to the central site through a live feed. Make sure you're part of these critical conversations, while hearing from top experts, at one of 27 regional locations. More info and registration: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/WorkBasedLearningPolicyAcademy.asp>

REGISTER FOR 12th ANNUAL CLEAN ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

The Center of Excellence for Clean Energy and the Construction Center of Excellence are hosting a 2017 Best Practices Summit June 1-2 at Centralia College focused on "Solutions for a Multi-Generational Workforce." Energy and construction educators, industry, organized labor, and economic and workforce development professionals are encouraged to attend. <http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit/>

May 2, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS IN SEATTLE TO TAKE ACTION ON "UPSKILL BACKFILL" PROJECTS

The Workforce Board will meet at the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County at 9 a.m., Wednesday and is expected to take action on several projects that are part of the "Upskill-Backfill" Initiative. Governor Inslee has made available \$2 million in grants to be awarded to demonstration projects that help Washington workers gain skills to move forward in their careers, while new workers "backfill" newly created openings that advancing workers leave behind. The Board will also learn more about progress being made to implement the state's strategic plan "Talent and Prosperity for All" and how progress is being measured through frequent updates. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/May3agenda.asp>

CAREER GUIDANCE WASHINGTON FEATURED IN NEW CASE STUDY

Career Guidance Washington and the AVID program are featured in a new publication released by College Spark Washington that offers case studies on the effectiveness of the two programs in preparing low-income students for college. College Spark Washington, working with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, invested \$9.5 million in 2006 to fund a nine-year initiative that included grants to 39 low-income schools in Washington with an emphasis on personalized planning through the High School and Beyond Plan. Read more: <http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/pubdocs/IntegratedApproachtoCollegeCareerandLifeReadiness.pdf>

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HOSTS COMMUNITY MEETINGS THIS MONTH

The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, which serves Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties, is hosting meetings throughout May focused on the "next generation of workforce services." What employment-related services do local jobseekers and employers need? Where should they access services? These questions, and others, will be addressed at the meetings. <http://www.pacmtn.org/wp-content/uploads/Community-Meeting-Locator.pdf>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN FOR TWO NEW CTE COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

The State Board of Education has opened the public comment period for two new Career and Technical Education (CTE) course equivalencies for agricultural power and technology, and viticulture. The State Board of

Education will vote on these two CTE course equivalencies at a May 10-11 meeting in Walla Walla. For more info: <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/>

TIME TO REGISTER FOR GOVERNOR'S MAY 31 SUMMIT ON CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

The Workforce Board is co-hosting the Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning on May 31. The Governor will speak at the Microsoft campus, along with industry, policy, and education leaders who will discuss how to create more career-related opportunities to prepare Washington youth for high-demand jobs. The Summit is the culmination of an 18-month Policy Academy on Work-Based Learning led by the Workforce Board and the Governor's Office. The main site at Microsoft is filled, but more than two dozen regional sites are hosting locally driven meetings and connecting to the central site through a live feed. Make sure you're part of these critical conversations, while hearing from top experts, at one of 27 regional locations. More info and registration: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/WorkBasedLearningPolicyAcademy.asp>

April 14, 2017

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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS RURAL MANUFACTURING GRANT ADMINISTERED BY WORKFORCE BOARD

A new video highlights the success of the Make it in Washington manufacturing grant administered by the Workforce Board. Now in its final year, the grant enables employees of qualified manufacturers to advance their skills through tuition-funded, online training. The Workforce Board is administering this \$2.7 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Students in remote and rural areas are able to enroll in targeted, business-focused distance learning at Highline College and Shoreline Community College, and Washington State University. Summer quarter is coming soon! Get more details: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/MakeItInWashington.asp>. Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/Xk7PgibxAOU>

WORKFORCE BOARD SEEKS FEEDBACK ON PRIORITIES

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YAKIMA HOSTS YOUTH APPRENTICE SIGNING DAY

West Valley School District in Yakima is celebrating Yakima's first youth apprenticeship program at a community ceremony April 26, in partnership with the Governor's Office, Department of Labor and Industries, AJAC, and West Valley School District. This is the first youth apprenticeship embedded within the school day in any Washington school district. Students are enrolled in a three-hour block focused on machining and

manufacturing for half their school day. The event's keynote speaker is John Aultman of the Governor's Office. West Valley High School was also selected as an award recipient and presenter by the International Center for Leadership in Education. School officials will speak about the youth apprenticeship program at the national Model School Conference in June.

<http://www.hs.wvsd208.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=148951&pageId=547246>

March 22, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 23

The Workforce Board meets Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during a special phone-in meeting to take action on Upskill-Backfill grant applications which include seven demonstration projects totaling \$1.6 million. The Upskill-Backfill Initiative is part of a broader push to upskill Washington's workforce and jumpstart the state's workforce plan, "Talent and Prosperity for All." More meeting details:

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/March23agenda.asp>

STUDENTS TO BUILD TINY HOMELESS SHELTERS NEXT WEEK ON CAPITOL CAMPUS

Students from across the state will put finishing touches on 21 tiny homeless shelters as part of a day-long construction skills competition on Olympia's Capitol Campus next Monday, March 27. Students from Washington high schools, Skills Centers, and community and technical colleges, will demonstrate their technical skills, leadership, and teamwork in front of policymakers and the public. The first-ever Career and Technical Education (CTE) Showcase of Skills is being coordinated by the Workforce Board. Learn more at

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/CTEHomelessHouseProject.asp>. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page and spread the word at <https://www.facebook.com/CTEShowcaseofSkills/>

WASHINGTON BUSINESS WEEK ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Herman Calzadillas has been named president and executive director of Washington Business Week. Calzadillas joined the organization in 2010 to help start programs such as Manufacturing Week, Energy Week, and Agri-Business Week to expand a lineup that already included Business Week, Healthcare Week, and Advanced Business Week. Founded by the Association of Washington Business in 1976, Washington Business Week gives high school students the opportunity to role play as industry professionals, launch a company, sharpen their communication skills, and solve real-world challenges. Students can apply now to participate in a summer program at: <http://www.wbw.org/our-programs/summer/>

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WORKSOURCE SPOKANE AT FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE LAUNCHES VIDEO FOR VETERANS

Military members, veterans, and their dependents can learn more about employment and training services offered on the Spokane area Air Force base by watching a new video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9xx7EoR7ls&feature=youtu.be>

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

BOARD MEETS MARCH 8 IN LACEY TO DISCUSS CAREER READINESS STRATEGIES

The Workforce Board meets March 8 to discuss career readiness strategies and hear legislative updates, among other items. More details: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/March8agenda.asp>

SAVE THE DATE FOR GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON CAREER-CONNECTED LEARNING

The Workforce Board is co-hosting a Governor's Summit on Career-Connected Learning on May 31. Other partners include the Governor's Office, OSPI, Washington STEM, and Washington State University. The event will be held at the Microsoft campus in Redmond, and will include multiple networked "virtual" sites across the state. The event convenes business, policy, and education leaders to launch a policy initiative and spread best practices to increase career-related opportunities in high-demand STEM jobs for Washington's youth. Washington was one of six states selected by the National Governors Association to participate in a policy academy. Registration will open in mid March. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/WorkBasedLearningPolicyAcademy.asp>

CTE SHOWCASE OF SKILLS BUILDS HOMELESS SHELTERS MARCH 27 IN OLYMPIA

The Workforce Board is coordinating a demonstration project that showcases the skills of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students through a one-day competition on the Capitol Campus in Olympia. Students representing 21 high schools and Skills Centers, and four community and technical colleges, will demonstrate their technical skills to the public and policymakers as they build portable, energy-efficient homeless shelters. Learn more at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/CTEHomelessHouseProject.asp> and be sure to "like" our new Facebook page and spread the word at <https://www.facebook.com/CTEShowcaseofSkills/>

AWB INSTITUTE HOSTS FIRST-EVER WORKFORCE SUMMIT ON MARCH 22

The Association of Washington Business Institute is hosting its first-ever Workforce Summit March 22 in Seattle. It is aimed at helping business owners, leaders, and human resources professionals harness talent and leadership skills in a multi-generational workplace. Keynote speaker is Rebecca Ryan, economist, futurist, and "human spark plug." Register at: <https://www.awb.org/1/?cid=258>

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD TO DISCUSS STATE WORKFORCE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION IN MARCH

The Workforce Board will hear a progress report on how the state's workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All" (TAP) is being put into place at a March 8 meeting in Lacey. More details are coming soon. Find out more about TAP and the implementation committees supporting the plan at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/WAWorkforcePlan.asp>

VIDEOS HIGHLIGHT 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WORKFORCE ISSUES

Watch Workforce Board staff testify before the Legislature on key workforce issues via TVW videos that take you where the action is, in legislative hearing rooms. Then click on "Bills of Interest" and see proposed workforce-related legislation that staff are busy tracking this session. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Legmaterials.asp>

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED TRAINING OFFERED THROUGH MAKE IT IN WASHINGTON GRANT

It's almost spring quarter and that means qualified manufacturers throughout much of Washington have another opportunity to advance their employees' skills and technological know-how through online training at Highline and Shoreline Colleges. It's one of the last opportunities to receive this subsidized training through a \$2.7 million federal "Make it in Washington" grant the Workforce Board is administering from the U.S. Department of Labor. Find out more at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/MakeitInWashington.asp> or contact Mike.Brennan@wtb.wa.gov for more information.

NEW STUDY TO CONVENE FOCUS GROUPS TO UNCOVER REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The Washington Student Achievement Council has posted a request for proposals that will pull together focus groups with regional employers, education leaders, labor and industry, community groups, students, and parents to gain in-depth perspectives on local conditions affecting workforce, community, and educational needs in each region of the state. The study must include a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from all of the state's Workforce Development Councils. Proposals are due March 10. Find out more at: <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/contracts>

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 12th ANNUAL ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION BEST PRACTICES SUMMIT

The Center of Excellence for Clean Energy and the Construction Center of Excellence are hosting the 2017 Best Practices Summit, "Solutions for a Multi-Generational Workforce," on June 1-2 at Centralia College. Keynote speaker is Dr. Mark Taylor, an internationally recognized educator, expert, and consultant on educational practice and workplace management. The summit is aimed at energy/construction educators, industry, labor, and economic and workforce development professionals. Register: <http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit/>

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD SCHEDULES 2nd TAP ACCELERATOR GRANT WORKSHOP FOR FEBRUARY 6

Governor Inslee has made available \$2 million in grants to be awarded to demonstration projects that help Washington workers gain skills to move forward in their careers, while new workers "backfill" newly created openings that advancing workers leave behind. The Workforce Board has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to apply for these grants as part of the Upskill-Backfill demonstration project. The Workforce Board is hosting a question-and-answer session from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Feb. 6 for those interested in applying. It's part of a broader push to "upskill" Washington's workforce and "jumpstart" the state's workforce plan, "Talent and Prosperity for All." Deadline to apply is February 28. More info, including application guidelines at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator.asp>

LEGISLATIVE MATERIALS ALL IN ONE PLACE

Keep up to date on workforce bills throughout the 2017 Legislative session, and view bills our Workforce Board staff are tracking, along with related materials. We've also added some photos of our Legislative staffers in action! See for yourself at: <http://wtb.wa.gov/LegislativeUpdates.asp>

GOVERNOR'S YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FEATURED ON KBTC TV NEWS PROGRAM

Representatives from the Governor's Office, the Department of Labor and Industries, and the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC) were part of a TV panel that discussed the need to increase apprenticeships in Washington to fill the growing number of high-demand, high-wage jobs. They were interviewed on Northwest Now, a public affairs show which airs on the PBS station, KBTC. Part of their discussion centered on a new \$2.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that is expected to help the state register up to 600 new apprentices in healthcare, education, construction, and advanced manufacturing. View the show at: <http://www.kbtc.org/page.php?id=1923>

AG-RELATED FIRMS ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE EDUCATION NEEDS SURVEY

The Workforce Board was awarded an \$80,000, one-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to survey agricultural-related firms in 10 rural Washington counties. Firms are being asked whether they have sufficient access to educational resources for their employees, and what types of skills training and classes they would like to see offered in their area. Read more about the grant and take the survey at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/RuralEnterpriseGrant.asp>

GOVERNOR INSLEE PROCLAIMS FEBRUARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

Governor Inslee has issued a proclamation urging Washingtonians to celebrate career and technical education (CTE) throughout the month of February for its role in providing students "the opportunity to gain academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness." CTE is also being lauded at the national level this month, with advocates pointing to the role of high-quality CTE programs in helping students prepare for high-wage, high-skill careers through hands-on, relevant learning. Find out more: <http://wa-acte.org/>

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STAY ON TOP OF WORKFORCE BILLS WITH LEGISLATIVE TRACKER

Keep up to date on workforce bills throughout the 2017 Legislative session, and view bills our Workforce Board staff are tracking, along with presentations and materials, at: <http://wtb.wa.gov/LegislativeUpdates.asp>

NEW WORKFORCE SYSTEM POSTER AVAILABLE NOW

The Workforce Board's popular workforce system poster is freshly updated and ready for 2017. Make sure to order copies of this handy overview of Washington's workforce training system, including participant employment rates and earnings, federal and state funding totals, and a listing of administering agencies and providers. The poster is free and perfect for cubicle and office walls.

<http://wtb.wa.gov/WorkforceDevelopmentDirectory.asp>

OSPI UPDATES CAREER GUIDANCE CURRICULUM RESOURCES FOR GRADES 6-12

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has updated Career Guidance WA lessons for grades 6-12 to help students better prepare for college and careers after high school. These lessons reflect the new 24-credit diploma requirements. Teachers and counselors can also access templates, an advisory handbook, and planning tools to develop schoolwide programs that help students create a meaningful High School and Beyond Plan. <http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/default.aspx>

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A new national report, "Work Matters: A Framework for States on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities," identifies state-level policy barriers that hinder employment of people with disabilities. The report, produced by the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures, also showcases trend-setting initiatives in Washington including Governor Inslee's Executive Order which set a goal of a state government workforce including at least 5 percent people with disabilities. Read more:

<http://www.csg.org/NTPWD/>

WASHINGTON STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHES

Students have until February 28 to apply for a Washington State Opportunity Scholarship, which supports low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand majors in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) or healthcare. The annual awards range from \$2,500 to \$7,500 and are renewable for up to five years. <https://www.waopportunitiescholarship.org/home>

JANUARY 5, 2017

WORKFORCE BOARD TAP ACCELERATOR GRANT WORKSHOP SET FOR JANUARY 12

Gov. Inslee is making available \$2 million in grants to be awarded to demonstration projects that help Washington's current workforce and new hires create pathways to gainful employment and higher wages, especially those at the lowest income levels or with other disadvantages. The Workforce Board has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for organizations to apply for these grants as part of the Upskill-Backfill demonstration project. The Workforce Board is hosting a question-and-answer session from 10 a.m. to noon

on Thursday, Jan. 12 for those interested in applying for these competitive grants. It's part of a broader push to "upskill" Washington's workforce and "jumpstart" the state's workforce plan, "Talent and Prosperity for All." Deadline to apply is February 28. More info, including application guidelines at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPAccelerator.asp>

WORKFORCE BOARD TO DISCUSS CAREER READINESS NEXT WEEK WITH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Workforce Board meets January 11 in Tumwater, and in the morning will discuss, among other items, how to make workforce data displays more accessible and how the state's strategic workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All" (TAP) is being implemented. The second half of the meeting starts at 1 p.m. and will be a joint meeting with the State Board of Education. Both boards will discuss efforts to define and advance career readiness. More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Jan11agenda.asp>

ANNUAL HEALTHCARE REPORT SHOWS PROGRESS, CHALLENGES IN TRAINING SUFFICIENT WORKFORCE

A new report from the state's Health Workforce Council provides solid data on the number of healthcare workers being trained in Washington and the growing demand for healthcare services as the state's population grows and ages. The report includes a look at key healthcare occupations, tallying the current supply of trained workers against projected demand. The report also includes recommendations to the Legislature for increasing training opportunities and placements, particularly in rural, underserved parts of the state. The Workforce Board staffs the Health Workforce Council. Read the report at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthWorkforceCouncil.asp>

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN CEO APPOINTED TO SEATTLE BRANCH OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Cheryl Fambles, CEO of the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, which provides employment and training services to Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Grays Harbor and Thurston counties, has been appointed to the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank for a three-year term. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has several branch offices and provides wholesale banking services to financial institutions in nine western states.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AEROSPACE AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing has launched a new website that includes new ways to connect with and hire recent graduates from the state's community and technical colleges, new industry trends, including types of jobs available and salaries, and information to encourage more people to learn about the aerospace and advanced manufacturing industry in Washington. Check it out! <http://www.coeaerospace.com/>