

# 2018 Washington Workforce Development News



## December 18, 2018

### **NEW PERFORMANCE RESULTS POSTED TO CAREER BRIDGE**

Our Workforce Board research staff have crunched the data and posted new performance results for thousands of Washington education programs on Career Bridge. This popular career and education website features over 6,500 education programs in one place, including apprenticeships. Performance results are available for about half of these programs, and provide a fresh look at how many students completed a Washington education program, their employment rate, and how much they earned. Check it out at [www.CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov).

### **JOBS AVAILABLE STATEWIDE FOR 2020 CENSUS**

The 2020 U.S. Census is now hiring field staff and supervisors across Washington. Find local jobs online at [worksourcewa.com](http://worksourcewa.com) by typing "census" into the search box at the top of the page. Or, visit your local [WorkSource center](#). Check back often, as new jobs will continually be posted! Learn more about the census and census jobs: <https://www.2020census.gov/jobs>

### **LEARN THE DISNEY APPROACH TO BUSINESS WITHOUT FLYING TO ANAHEIM**

Western Washington University and the Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to sponsor a day-long training session that focuses on five powerful business lessons developed by the Disney Institute. Learn about leadership, culture, service, brand, and innovation at this January 23 event at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Discounts available through December 31. More info: <http://www.wvu.edu/disney/>

### **WORKFORCE SOUTHWEST SEEKS PROPOSALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS TO RUN WORKSOURCE, WIOA PROGRAMS**

Workforce Southwest Washington, the Workforce Development Council that serves Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties, is seeking proposals for two activities: 1) manage key Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs, and 2) serve as the region's WorkSource career center operator. Prospective bidders must submit questions by December 21. Proposals due March 4. More details about these and other opportunities at: <https://workforcesw.org/wsw-seeks-proposals-for-adult-dw-business-services-and-worksource-operator>

### **TVW RECORDS DECEMBER 17 FUTURE OF WORK TASK FORCE MEETING**

TVW crews were on hand to record the December 17 Future of Work Task Force meeting in Olympia. Task Force members reviewed and adopted a draft report that included policy recommendations, key considerations, relevant data, and stakeholder engagement efforts planned for 2019. This initial report will be submitted to the Governor and Legislature. The Future of Work project explores how Washington's workforce and employers can prosper together as automation increases and more workers turn to short-term "gig economy" jobs without the safety net of health insurance and retirement plans. TVW's video will be posted to the Future of Work landing page as soon as it's available. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork.asp>.

## December 6, 2018

### **TVW INTERVIEWS ECONOMIST AT FUTURE OF WORK MEETING**

Chicago economist Peter Creticos talked about the impact of automation and artificial intelligence on workers and businesses at last month's Future of Work Task Force meeting in Tacoma. TVW took the opportunity to

interview Creticos, president and executive director of the Institute for Work & the Economy. Hear what he had to say: <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2018111081>.

### **SPEAKING OF THE FUTURE OF WORK...**

The next Future of Work Task Force meeting is slated for December 17 in Olympia. Meetings are open to the public. Details coming soon! [http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork\\_meetings.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork_meetings.asp).

### **SKILLED WORKER AWARENESS PROGRAM PROVIDES GRANTS TO BOOST WORKER TRAINING**

The state's Department of Commerce has launched a new round of grants aimed at boosting the number of Washington workers who receive education and training that leads to certificates, associate's degrees, and other credentials recognized by industry. Organizations and government agencies involved in recruiting and outreach efforts aimed at worker training are encouraged to apply for grants to help more workers gain needed skills. The Skilled Worker Awareness program has \$70,000 to distribute, with priority given to projects that range from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Deadline to apply is February 21. More details:

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/program-index/skilled-worker-awareness-training-program/>

### **TACOMA'S HOME FOR WORKSOURCE IS MOVING**

A new WorkSource Center is set to open Monday, Dec. 10 in Tacoma, replacing two other locations that are closing on South Cedar Street and Tacoma Avenue South. The new office is located at 2121 S. State St., on the third floor. The new one-stop career center will bring all of Pierce County's workforce partners together into a single location in an effort to provide better and faster services to customers. Affiliate WorkSource sites are also available to jobseekers and employers at other sites in Pierce County, as well as special services for military personnel at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. More details: <http://workforce-central.org/2018/11/30/tacoma-worksource-locations-merge-at-2121-s-state-st/>

### **NEW CTE VIDEO CONTEST LAUNCHES FOR 2019!**

The Workforce Board has launched a new edition of our CTE "Get Real" Video Challenge. This year's winning teams can earn as much as \$250 for their high school or middle school career and technical education department. All it takes is a cell phone, some creativity, and meeting a few contest guidelines. Get all the details here: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/CTEvideoproject.asp>. Need some inspiration? Check out winning videos from last year's contest on Career Bridge's CTE page. <http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Page.aspx?cid=1052>

## **November 20, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING IN OLYMPIA NEXT WEEK**

The Workforce Board will hold a special board meeting Monday, November 26 to discuss legislative support for state workforce planning. This is a call-in meeting. More details:

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/November2018specialmtg.asp>

### **NOTED ECONOMIST TO SPEAK MONDAY AT FUTURE OF WORK MEETING IN TACOMA**

Noted economist Peter Creticos, executive director of the Institute for Work and the Economy in Chicago, will address the Future of Work Task Force at their meeting, Monday, November 26 at the Tacoma School District Professional Development Center. The meeting runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public. The Legislature established the Task Force this spring to develop a set of policy recommendations that help Washington businesses and workers prosper together as automation and artificial intelligence reshape the way we work. More meeting details: [http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork\\_meetings\\_Nov26.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork_meetings_Nov26.asp)

### **WORKFORCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE PAGE UPDATED**

The Workforce Board recently updated an online, county-by-county directory of the state's workforce and economic development resources. The page also links to regional Small Business Development Centers. Details at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/WorkforceEconomicInventoryCounties.asp>

### **TWELVE WASHINGTON BUSINESSES HONORED FOR HIRING VETS**

Twelve Washington businesses were honored by the state's Employment Security Department earlier this month for hiring and supporting military veterans. The agency created the Hire-A-Vet Award to call attention to unemployed veterans and recognize companies with a good track record of hiring, retaining and celebrating veterans in their workforce. One winner was selected from each of the state's 12 workforce development areas. View the winners and get more details at: <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/washington-companies-honored-with-2018-hire-a-vet-award>

### **ADVANCE CTE SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARD—DEADLINE TOMORROW!**

Advance CTE, the national organization that advocates for high quality career and technical education (CTE), is seeking applicants for the 2019 Excellence in Action Award. The award highlights programs of study that show a progression from high school to postsecondary education, provide meaningful work-based learning opportunities, and offer evidence-based impact on student success. But don't delay! The application deadline is tomorrow, November 21 at 5 p.m. <http://blog.careertech.org/?p=14646>

## **November 1, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS IN SPOKANE ON NOVEMBER 14**

The Workforce Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting Nov. 14 at the WorkSource Spokane career center. Board members will learn how frontline staff pull together a wide range of services to help customers find jobs, training, and other resources. The Board will also hear a preview about the upcoming 2019 legislative session. More details coming soon! [http://www.wtb.wa.gov/ABOUTUS\\_MEETINGS.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/ABOUTUS_MEETINGS.asp)

### **TEDxTACOMA INCLUDES FOCUS ON BRIDGING MILITARY, CIVILIAN WORLDS**

A TEDxTacoma event aimed at life transitions, including moving between the military and civilian world, is slated for Nov. 16 at the American Lake Conference Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Modeled after the popular TED talks, where speakers tackle important topics during short, powerful presentations, local TEDx talks focus on community issues. The Tacoma area event is titled, "Transitions: Bridging the Gap." Lead sponsors include the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council and Workforce Central. Scheduled speakers include Employment Security Department Commissioner Suzi LeVine. Tickets and more info at: <https://bit.ly/2z3RNT6>

### **OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PAIRS INDUSTRY MENTORS WITH STUDENTS**

The Opportunity Partnership Program, administered by the Workforce Board, helps low-income adults who are enrolled in a community and technical college grant program obtain relevant job experience related to high-wage, high-demand careers. The Workforce Board issues grants to several regional Workforce Development Councils to work with local colleges and businesses to connect students with industry mentors and internships. A 2018 Project report highlights the successes of this long-standing workforce program. Find out more at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/OpportunityPartnership.asp>. Read student success stories at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/OPPstudents.asp>

### **NEW STUDY LINKS APPRENTICESHIPS WITH 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS**

The Center for Public Education, a research arm of the National School Boards Association, has released a new report that examines the impact of apprenticeships in helping students gain the knowledge and skills needed for success after high school. Among the findings: apprenticeships reduce youth unemployment, produce high-

skilled workers who meet industry needs, and encourage life-long learning in a world where technological skills continue to evolve. The study can be found at <https://bit.ly/2CTfaCm>

### **PAVE THE WAY CONFERENCE COMING NOVEMBER 29: REGISTER NOW TO GET EARLY BIRD RATE**

The annual Pave the Way conference sponsored by the Washington Student Achievement Council is scheduled for November 29 at the University of Washington in Seattle. The conference focuses on strategies to advance equity, increase college readiness, and broaden access to higher education in Washington. Get more details and register at the lower rate: <https://bit.ly/2DevpL6>

## **October 23, 2018**

### **FUTURE OF WORK TASK FORCE MEETS NEXT WEEK IN DES MOINES**

The Future of Work Task Force meets Monday (October 29) at Highline College in Des Moines to further discuss their scope of work and define a policy agenda. The 16-member Task Force is made up of legislators, and business and labor leaders, who are charged with developing policy recommendations to help Washington's workforce and employers prosper as technology moves forward. Read more at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork.asp>. More meeting details: [http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork\\_meetings.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork_meetings.asp)

### **GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE HONORS EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Six public and private employers were honored last week for their exemplary work recruiting, hiring, retaining, and promoting people with disabilities. It was the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Governor's Employer Awards ceremony. Winners included: Cascade Public Media, Fred Meyer Store 122 in Seattle, Kulshan Brewing Company, Gigglechops Dog Wash, Educational Service District 123, and the City of Bellevue. Don Kay of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was also honored with a Governor's Trophy for his work helping empower people with disabilities. More details: <https://bit.ly/2NLPDg1>

### **STUDENTS TO GET HELP APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AT EVENTS ACROSS WA**

Starting October 1, students are able to apply for financial aid to go to college in the 2019-20 school year. To help people complete their financial aid applications, the Washington Student Achievement Council has organized College Goal Washington events across the state. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible to receive maximum financial assistance. Find a College Goal event near you at: <https://bit.ly/2CXCDI>

### **SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP CELEBRATION SET FOR NOVEMBER 8**

Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center in Everett and the Washington National Apprenticeship Week Committee are hosting the second annual celebration of apprenticeships in our state from 3 to 7 p.m., November 8. Over 30 apprenticeship organizations and technical colleges will have hands-on activities for all attendees, plus an apprenticeship panel, free food, and raffle prizes throughout the evening. Sno-Isle is one of 14 Skills Centers in Washington, providing hands-on, career-focused education to high school students. Learn more and register for free at <https://bit.ly/2OIkrUu>

### **OCTOBER IS CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING MONTH**

Help students and workers find career opportunities in manufacturing through WorkSourceWa.com in partnership with the Association of Washington Business. Did you know the average annual wage of a Washington manufacturing employee is more than \$72,000? Post jobs, find jobs at: <https://bit.ly/2CyMdLN>

## **October 5, 2018**

### **FUTURE OF WORK TASK FORCE MEETS NEXT WEEK IN SEATTLE**

The Future of Work Task Force meets for the first time Monday (Oct. 8) at 9 a.m. in Seattle to discuss scope of work and begin to define a policy agenda. The Legislature established the 16-member Task Force this spring. It's made up of legislators, and business and labor leaders, who are charged with developing a set of policy recommendations that help Washington's workforce and employers prosper together as technology moves forward, impacting jobs, skills, and wages. Read more about the Task Force at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork.asp>. Get meeting details: <https://bit.ly/2ICtdNi>

### **WORKFORCE BOARD HIRES FUTURE OF WORK STAFF**

The Workforce Board has hired two staffers—Joe Wilcox and Lewis McMurrin—to manage the Future of Work project. They will help the Future of Work Task Force better understand the challenges of “future proofing” our workforce as technology advances. They will also help the Task Force prioritize policy issues to explore more deeply. Read more about Joe and Lew's previous careers at: [http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork\\_staff.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/futureofwork_staff.asp)

### **REGISTER TODAY FOR FALL WA-ACTE CONFERENCE**

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education is holding its fall conference November 7-8, at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound. The conference will focus on embedding academics in CTE classes through teaching practices, tools, and curriculum. Get more details and register at: <http://wa-acte.org/upcoming>

### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST APPRENTICESHIP CONFERENCE COMING IN DECEMBER**

The Construction Center of Excellence at Renton Technical College is hosting the 2018 Pacific Northwest Apprenticeship Conference December 4-5 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. Be sure to save the date and share your best practices, initiatives, and innovative strategies to support expanding Registered Apprenticeships across the state, and across industries. Registration and conference details at: <https://www.pnwaec.com/>. Now accepting nominations for Excellence in Apprenticeship Awards.

### **WE'RE HIRING A BUDGET ANALYST**

Come work with us! The Workforce Board is hiring a Budget Analyst 3. This position is a key part of the agency's financial team. Deadline to apply is October 17. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/EmploymentOpportunities.asp>

## **September 20, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD TO DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA NEXT WEEK**

The Workforce Board will discuss its legislative advocacy agenda as part of its regular meeting 9 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26 at South Seattle College. The Board will also hear a presentation about the new version of the federal Perkins Act, which will influence career and technical education in Washington middle and high schools, as well as community and technical colleges, in the coming years. More details: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/September26agenda.asp>

### **NEW WHERE ARE YOU GOING? CAREER GUIDES AVAILABLE NOW!**

What's purple, packed with career and education information, and absolutely free? Why it's the latest edition of the Workforce Board's ever-popular Where Are You Going? career guide! Order free copies of the 2018 guide, which includes a career quiz, information on hundreds of in-demand occupations, job interview tips, and more, at <http://wtb.wa.gov/CareerGuide.asp>. Get yours today! Bonus: the guide also serves as a printed companion to [www.CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov).

### **NEW VIDEO ENCOURAGES VETERANS TO START BUSINESSES IN RURAL WASHINGTON**

A new video produced by the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council in partnership with Hire America, features several successful veteran-owned businesses as part of a broader campaign to encourage more Washington veterans to start businesses in rural areas of the state. The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council also runs the Camo2Commerce program. The Council covers Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Grays Harbor, and Pacific counties, a region where many military personnel have chosen to settle after serving their country. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC9s2BfgR10&feature=youtu.be>

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### **WASHINGTON WORKFORCE CONFERENCE: STILL TIME TO GET EARLY BIRD RATE!**

Register for the annual Washington Workforce Association conference by October 5 and you'll qualify for the early bird rate. The conference, dubbed "Powerful Partnerships: Building the Talent Pipeline," runs Nov. 6-7 in Sea-Tac. More info: <https://bit.ly/2KonPAQ>

## **September 10, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS STUDENT DATA REPORTING WEBINAR WEDNESDAY**

The Workforce Board is holding the second of two webinars to help private career school staff and others learn how to more quickly and efficiently upload data to the agency's online Student Data Portal, which officially opened September 5. The second webinar is slated for Wednesday, September 12, from 2-3 p.m. All private career schools licensed by the Workforce Board and schools with certain programs on the state's Eligible Training Provider List are required to submit student data. Get more details at: <https://bit.ly/2wnNMau>

### **HEALTH WORKFORCE COUNCIL TO MEET THURSDAY**

The Health Workforce Council, staffed by the Workforce Board, will meet Thursday, September 13 at Renton Technical College from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Council addresses current and projected shortages of Washington healthcare workers. The Council will discuss recommendations to include in an upcoming annual report to the Governor and Legislature. Details: [http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthWorkforceCouncil\\_Meetings.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthWorkforceCouncil_Meetings.asp)

### **STATEWIDE BUSINESS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES AT WORKSOURCE**

A statewide outreach campaign that encourages more Washington employers to post jobs and use other employment services at WorkSource launched last month. The campaign encourages small business owners to use the state's one-stop career center system to build or grow their staff. The campaign also targets human resource and hiring managers at larger firms looking for low-cost recruiting resources to fill open positions. The campaign features a new business landing page at WorkSourceWa.com at <https://test-secure.esd.wa.gov/home/WorkSourceWA/Employer/Account>.

### **ECONOMIC EXPO ORGANIZERS CALL FOR WHITE PAPERS ON FUTURE OF WORKFORCE**

Organizers of the 2018 Regional Economic Forecast and Innovation Expo, slated for December 6 at Little Creek Casino in Shelton, have put out a call for white papers written by experts on a variety of topics, including the future of workforce and the future of economic development, among others. But you need to submit your white paper soon! The deadline to submit is September 15. More info at: <http://www.thurstonedc.com/event/regional-economic-forecast-innovation-expo-2/> or contact Expo Coordinator Karissa Benjamin at [kbenjamin@thurstonedc.com](mailto:kbenjamin@thurstonedc.com)

## **REGISTER FOR SEATTLE JOBS INITIATIVE SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE: EQUITY BY DESIGN**

Seattle Jobs Initiative is holding its annual conference, titled "Equity by Design," in Seattle's Bell Harbor on September 20. The conference is focused on eliminating biases and thinking critically about program design. The conference is targeted at practitioners and policymakers working to help people advance out of poverty. More information and registration details: <https://www.classy.org/event/sji-annual-conference-2018/e182826>

## **August 23, 2018**

### **CAREER BRIDGE UPDATED WITH FRESH LABOR MARKET INFORMATION**

Wondering how fast a particular occupation is growing in our state or how much you're likely to earn if you land a job in a certain field? Get the latest labor market data on average wages, along with projected openings for hundreds of occupations in Washington, on [www.CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov). The site, created and administered by the Workforce Board, was recently updated with fresh data from the state's Employment Security Department. Click on the View Job Trends section and see which occupations are hot, and which are not.

### **WORKFORCE BOARD HOLDS FIRST OF TWO DATA REPORTING WEBINARS NEXT WEEK**

The Workforce Board is holding two webinars to help schools learn to more quickly and efficiently upload data to the agency's online Student Data Portal, which officially opens September 5. The first webinar is Tuesday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The second is slated for September 12. All private career schools licensed by the Workforce Board and schools with certain programs on the state's Eligible Training Provider List are required to submit student data. Get more details at: <https://bit.ly/2wnNMau>

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

### **HEALTH SENTINEL NETWORK CONTINUES RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN**

The Health Sentinel Network is currently recruiting volunteer healthcare employers for an ongoing project tracking Washington's rapidly changing health workforce. The project is a Workforce Board collaboration with the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies. The project, launched in 2016, collects key data at regular intervals from sentinel healthcare industry employers and provides rapid turnaround of information about emerging issues affecting employers, educators, training institutions, and other stakeholders. More at: [www.wasentinelnetwork.org](http://www.wasentinelnetwork.org).

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO VOTE TODAY ON TWO-YEAR BUDGET REQUEST**

The Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges is set to vote on the college system's two-year budget request at a meeting in Leavenworth today. If approved, the request will be sent to the Office of Financial Management and the state Legislature. The draft budget includes funding requests for faculty and staff compensation, expanded outreach and partnerships with K-12 and universities to increase enrollment and success of diverse students, and growing high-demand programs such as allied health, advanced manufacturing, and information technology. Today's business meeting follows a two-day Retreat. More details at: <https://www.sbctc.edu/about/board/meetings.aspx>

## August 2, 2018

### **WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS AUGUST 8-10 IN BLAINE**

The Workforce Board will gather at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine on Aug. 8-10 for the Board's annual retreat. Among the topics of discussion: progress on implementing the state's workforce plan, *Talent and Prosperity for All*, and advocacy priorities for the coming year. More info:

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/August2018BoardRetreat.asp>

### **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT HOSTS EMPLOYEE RETENTION STRATEGIES WORKSHOPS**

Employers are invited to learn more about controlling unemployment insurance costs, paid family and medical leave, workforce retention using the SharedWork program, and other training solutions at regional workshops conducted by the state's Employment Security Department. The next workshop is set for Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Environmental Services Building at Chambers Bay Regional Park in University Place. More: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/sharedworkwacom-17245300961>

### **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 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 August 31. More info: Contact Emily Heike at (360) 902-9440, <https://esd.wa.gov/GCDE/projects>. Or email at [GCDEawards@esd.wa.gov](mailto:GCDEawards@esd.wa.gov).

### **NEW FEDERAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT PASSES**

The Carl D. Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, last authorized and updated by Congress back in 2006, passed earlier this week with strong bipartisan support. The new law gives states more flexibility in how they spend funds aimed at hands-on, career-focused education at both the middle and high school level, and in community and technical colleges. Washington receives about \$20 million each year in federal Perkins funding. The Workforce Board is the primary recipient of the funding, and then distributes it to public schools and community and technical colleges. More:

[http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Policy\\_Fed\\_Perkins.asp](http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Policy_Fed_Perkins.asp).

### **TIME FOR WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE IN SPOKANE**

It's almost time for the annual Washington Association for Career and Technical Education conference in Spokane, slated for Aug. 5-8. The Workforce Board is among the sponsors of this multi-day conference aimed at CTE teachers from around the state. Staff are providing several presentations at this year's conference. Come say hi at our booth! <http://www.wa-acte.org/summer>

## July 18, 2018

### **WORKFORCE BOARD SCHEDULES AUGUST RETREAT**

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[www.wtb.wa.gov](http://www.wtb.wa.gov).

### **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT HOSTS ECONOMIC SYMPOSIUM FRIDAY IN YAKIMA**

The state's Employment Security Department is holding an economic symposium in Yakima on Friday titled "The Economic Recovery: Today and the Future." This event provides insight on the economic conditions of



Central Washington. Registration is free, but seating is limited. Register now and get more details at: <https://bit.ly/2uuy1bj>

### **WA WORKFORCE ASSOCIATION SEEKS PRESENTATIONS FOR NOVEMBER CONFERENCE**

The Washington Workforce Association is seeking presentations for the association's third annual conference, slated for Nov. 6-7 in SeaTac. Dubbed "Powerful Partnerships: Building the Talent Pipeline," this two-day conference focuses on workforce trends, tapping the talents of jobseekers, engaging employers, and strengthening the workforce system through professional development. Organizers are seeking 75-90 minute presentations. Don't delay! Proposals are due by July 27. <https://bit.ly/2JvsOv8>

### **HEALTH SENTINEL NETWORK CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS**

The Sentinel Network is currently recruiting volunteer healthcare employers for an ongoing project tracking Washington's rapidly changing health workforce. The project is a Workforce Board collaboration with the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies. The project, launched in 2016, collects key data at regular intervals from sentinel healthcare industry employers and provides rapid turnaround of information about emerging issues affecting employers, educators, training institutions, and other stakeholders. More at: [www.wasentinelnetwork.org](http://www.wasentinelnetwork.org).

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## **June 21, 2018**

### **HEALTH WORKFORCE COUNCIL MEETS TODAY IN RENTON**

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### **NATIONAL REPORT CITES STATE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STUDY, SENTINEL NETWORK**

Two important Washington efforts were highlighted in a national report that focuses on changing workforce needs related to behavioral health. The report showcases Washington's efforts to better integrate behavioral health across the healthcare field. Behavioral health includes mental health, as well as behaviors such as substance abuse and chemical dependency. The national study also showcases Washington's Health Workforce Sentinel Network, which regularly surveys Washington healthcare providers on their changing health workforce needs. Work conducted by the Workforce Board and the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies are both mentioned in the report. More at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthWorkforceCouncil.asp>

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## **NOW HIRING: FUTURE OF WORK POLICY AND RESEARCH MANAGER**

Interested in the future of work? So are we! The Workforce Board is still accepting applications for a new policy and research manager to focus on the rise of automation, the gig economy, and how to ensure workers and business prosper together. <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/EmploymentOpportunities.asp>

## **STILL TIME TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR WORKFORCE PRIORITIES**

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## **June 7, 2018**

### **SCHOOLS NOTIFIED WHETHER PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL TRAINING DOLLARS**

The Workforce Board is notifying schools whether their education programs have met performance standards that qualify them for inclusion on the state's Eligible Training Provider (ETP) list, and federal training dollars. Programs must meet minimum standards, including completion rates, earnings, and employment of recent graduates. Students who use federal training dollars, such as Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I, must choose programs from this list. Each year, agency staff evaluate thousands of programs using wage records to identify training outcomes. Results from this analysis and the new ETP list will soon be posted on [www.CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov).

### **OSPI SEEKS K-12 PRIORITIES FOR 2019-21**

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is gathering feedback on K-12 priorities through an online survey. This will help OSPI and Superintendent Chris Reykdal prioritize 2019-21 budget requests for the Legislature and Governor. The survey takes about five minutes. But act now! It closes Friday at midnight. <http://www.k12.wa.us/Communications/BudgetSurvey.aspx>

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### **PACIFIC MOUNTAIN WDC HOLDS WORKSHOP ON FUTURE OF WORK**

The Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, which provides workforce services in Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Grays Harbor, and Pacific counties, is holding a workshop on the Future of Work on June 27 at South Puget Sound Community College's Lacey campus. The workshop includes an overview of labor market trends and explores what the data means to the region's economy. Register at [rsvp@pacmtn.org](mailto:rsvp@pacmtn.org) or email [ally@pacmtn.org](mailto:ally@pacmtn.org) for more details.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR "PAVE THE WAY" CONFERENCE**

The Washington Student Achievement Council is holding its annual Pave the Way conference on November 29 at the University of Washington in Seattle. The conference focuses on strategies that advance equity, increase college readiness, and broaden access to higher education in Washington. Session proposals are being accepted now through September 28. More info at: <https://bit.ly/2Hs1Zad>

## **May 16, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS MAY 22-23 IN SEATTLE**

The Workforce Board will discuss the formation of the Future of Work Task Force and take action on

nominations for Task Force members during a two-day meeting that starts with an evening get-together May 22, followed by an all-day meeting on May 23. TVW will film the May 23 portion of the meeting.

More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/May2223agenda.asp>

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEKS FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC PLAN**

The State Board of Education is updating its strategic plan and is seeking feedback through community forums across the state and through written comments. The strategic plan will focus on developing a state policy for K-12 education, effective oversight of Washington's public schools, and advocating for student success. View the forums and offer feedback through an online survey at: <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/about-us/strategic-plan>

### **GOVERNOR INSLEE NAMES NEW COMMISSIONER AT EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

Suzi LeVine was named the new commissioner at the state's Employment Security Department earlier this month. LeVine most recently served as the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, between 2014 and 2017. Before that, she worked at Microsoft as director of strategic partnerships for student developers and as director of communications for education. She begins her new position July 9. She succeeds Dale Peinecke who served as Commissioner starting in 2013. LeVine will represent ESD as a member of the Workforce Board.

More: <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/inslee-names-former-ambassador-suzi-levine-as-new-employment-security-department-commissioner>

### **CONSTRUCTION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE LAUNCHES NEW CONSTRUCTION DATA DASHBOARD**

The Construction Center of Excellence at Renton Technical College has launched a new tool that allows users to search data about construction trades to see current employment numbers, projected annual openings, and median wages and training requirements. Data is available by workforce development area and statewide. The site also includes information on registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship programs.

<https://www.constructioncenterofexcellence.com/construction-data-dashboards/>

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## **April 26, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS MAY 22-23 IN SEATTLE**

The Workforce Board will discuss the formation of the Future of Work Task Force and hear an update on the implementation of the state's workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All," during a two-day meeting that starts with an evening get together May 22, followed by an all-day meeting on May 23. More details coming soon.

### **WORKFORCE BOARD SEEKS COMMENT ON WIOA PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

The Workforce Board is seeking comments on draft performance targets for Title 1 programs for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Performance targets include participant employment and earnings outcomes, and credential attainment. Deadline to submit comments is Monday, May 14 at 5 p.m. Details and proposed performance targets at:

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

### **ESD LAUNCHES NEWSLETTER FOCUSED ON NEW WORKSOURCE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Washington's Employment Security Department has launched an email newsletter to provide updates on building a new case management system for WorkSource, the state's employment center system. The newsletter includes progress reports, articles, and upcoming events connected to the project, which will replace

the Efforts to Outcomes system, or ETO, launched in 2016. Sign up for the newsletter at: [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAESD/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=WAESD\\_66](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAESD/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAESD_66)

### **WSU EXTENSION HOSTS RURAL PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY CONFERENCE MAY 9**

Washington State University Extension is hosting the Rural Pathways to Prosperity Conference from 9 a.m. to noon on May 9 at locations around the state. The conference, which builds on the 2017 Governor's Summit on Career Connected Learning, is aimed at linking local communities to resources that connect young people to high-quality, on-the-job learning experiences--including internships, apprenticeships, and mentorships. Each location includes locally facilitated action plans and networking. Find the location nearest you and register at: <http://waruralprosperity.wsu.edu/>

### **TAKE THE WORKFORCE BOARD'S "GET REAL" VIDEO CHALLENGE**

Got a cell phone? Your students can make a video. And win a prize! The Workforce Board's video contest encourages Washington Career and Technical Education middle and high school students to shoot their own videos to help promote CTE. The Workforce Board is offering \$25 gift certificates to the first three students who create videos that showcase the value of hands-on learning, while also meeting contest guidelines. Winning teams can win up to \$75. All approved videos will be featured on [www.CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov), so fame is guaranteed, even if you don't win a gift card! But you better act now. The contest deadline is the end of the school year, or June 15. Get contest details at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/CTEvideoproject.asp>

## **March 27, 2018**

### **NEW CTE "GET REAL" VIDEO CONTEST LAUNCHES**

The Workforce Board's video project, which encourages middle and high school students from throughout the state to create their own videos to promote CTE (Career and Technical Education), now features a cool contest! The first three students who submit videos to the CTE "Get Real" Video Challenge that meet contest guidelines can win a \$25 gift card, or up to \$75 per team. Deadline is the end of the school year, so get out your video camera-or cell phone or tablet-right away! All completed videos will be featured on [CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov) so fame is guaranteed! More details: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/CTEvideoproject.asp>. Check out the flyer: <https://bit.ly/2l8ibOx>

### **KEVIN PERKEY NAMED INCOMING CEO OF WORKFORCE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON**

Kevin Perkey has been named new CEO of Workforce Southwest Washington, which provides workforce services to Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties. He succeeds Jeanne Bennett, who is retiring at the end of June after six years helming the nonprofit organization. Perkey started work at the organization in June 2017 and currently oversees adult and collaborative grant programs. Before that, Perkey was CEO of South Central Pennsylvania Works, serving an eight-county. More at: <http://workforcesw.org/>

### **VETERANS JOB FAIR FOCUSED ON REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS**

Direct2Apprenticeship is holding a job fair April 18 at Camp Murray in DuPont focused on connecting veterans to registered apprenticeships. Veterans will learn more about GI Bill benefits, hear from industry panelists, and find out what jobs are available in Washington. Learn more: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/wa-registered-apprenticeship-job-fair>

### **WORKFORCE CENTRAL HOSTS SPRING JOBFEST NEXT MONTH**

Workforce Central is hosting Washington's largest young adult job fair, JobFest, on April 18 at the Tacoma Dome. Encourage young people you know to bring their resume. The annual event targets jobseekers between the ages of 16 and 24. It's also a great place to practice interviewing and networking skills. Find out more or register: <http://workforce-central.org/job-seekers/jobfest/#what-is-jobfest>

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR WASHINGTON WORKFORCE CONFERENCE 2018**

The third annual Washington Workforce Conference is set for Nov. 6-7. Mark your calendar. Hope to see you there!

## **March 8, 2018**

### **WORKFORCE BOARD MEETS MARCH 14 TO REVIEW UPDATE TO TAP PLAN**

The Workforce Board next week will review a draft update of "Talent and Prosperity for All," the state's workforce plan, before submitting the plan to federal partners in April. Public comments on the plan are still being accepted through March 12. More info on how to provide feedback at:

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPpubliccomment2018.asp>. Board meeting details:

<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/March14agenda.asp>.

### **NEW PROJECT: WASHINGTON STUDENTS TO SHOOT VIDEOS TO PROMOTE HIGH QUALITY CTE**

The Workforce Board has launched a new project to encourage Washington students to create their own videos to promote Career and Technical Education (CTE) in local high schools. The project is funded by a \$20,000 grant from Advance CTE, with support from the Siemens Foundation. The Workforce Board contracted with the Seattle Film Institute to create two sample videos and a toolkit that provide key messages and technical tips for setting up shots, capturing sound, and conducting interviews. Students are also encouraged to interview local employers about the value of hands-on, career-focused learning. Videos will be featured on [www.CareerBridge.wa.gov](http://www.CareerBridge.wa.gov). More details: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/CTEvideoproject.asp>.

### **SPRING COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS FOCUS ON STUDENT COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS**

K-12 school and career counselors, along with college admissions and nonprofit staff, are encouraged to attend workshops being held around the state this month focused on improving student career and college success. It's the second year the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Washington Student Achievement Council, and the Washington College Access Network have teamed up to offer the series of free workshops. Financial aid training will also be offered in partnership with the Washington Financial Aid Association. The next scheduled workshop is set for March 14 in Port Angeles. Get the full list of workshops and register at: <http://bit.ly/2oSoleg>

### **REGISTER NOW FOR AWB WORKFORCE SUMMIT**

The Association of Washington Business is holding a workforce summit March 21 in Bellevue, titled "Innovation in Education and Workforce Practices to Prepare the Next Generation Workforce." Keynote speaker is Matt Poischbeg, vice president and general manager at SEA-LECT Plastics in Everett. Find out more and register at:

<https://www.awb.org/1/?cid=351>

### **WE'RE HIRING: WORKFORCE BOARD SEEKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Workforce Board is seeking administrative support for our agency's consumer protection unit. Support the team that licenses and regulates private career schools and the group that approves veterans education programs. You'll also be responsible for staffing our front desk. Do you have great customer service skills? Are you able to answer the telephone, respond to emails, send out publications, and welcome our guests? Get all the details at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/EmploymentOpportunities.asp>

## **February 22, 2018**

### **LEGISLATIVE WEB PAGES ACTIVE AS 2018 SESSION MOVES AHEAD**

The Workforce Board regularly updates our legislative web pages, posting legislation and committee activities

of interest to the workforce development community. We also post presentations and TVW links of key legislative meetings. Take a look at what's going on during this short session! <http://wtb.wa.gov/LegislativeUpdates.asp>

### **ANNUAL HEALTHCARE REPORT SHOWS PROGRESS, CHALLENGES TRAINING SUFFICIENT WORKFORCE**

A new report from the state's Health Workforce Council provides data on the number of healthcare workers being trained in Washington. This detailed assessment of Washington's healthcare system includes a look at key healthcare occupations, including the number of people completing healthcare training programs, as well as a look at current and projected demand for over 80 occupations. The report also emphasizes ground-level findings from the Washington State Health Workforce Sentinel Network, made up of healthcare providers supplying real-time feedback on workforce needs. The Workforce Board staffs the Health Workforce Council. Read the report at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/HealthWorkforceCouncil.asp>

### **WORKFORCE SNOHOMISH TO HOST CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYER ROUNDTABLE NEXT WEEK**

Workforce Snohomish is hosting a construction roundtable on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The event brings together Snohomish County companies of various sizes and types to talk about their construction workforce needs and challenges, and to identify potential solutions. Register/more info:

<http://www.workforcesnohomish.org/advance/events/construction/?platform=hootsuite>

### **HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN TEMPLATE NOW OFFERED IN 10 LANGUAGES**

The High School and Beyond Plan Template, which helps Washington high school students chart their careers and next education steps, is now available in multiple languages besides English. Other languages include: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Khmer, Korean, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, and Tagalog.

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

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TRADES TRAINING**

The Washington state Department of Transportation has scholarships available for tuition assistance for approved training for a variety of trades related to highway construction, including carpenters, electricians, cement masons, painters, truck drivers, iron workers, heavy equipment operators and mechanics, and more. The scholarship is aimed at women, minority, or disadvantaged Washington residents.

More: <http://bit.ly/2EUvN23>

## **February 7, 2018**

### **BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER DRAFT UPDATED WORKFORCE PLAN**

The Workforce Board will consider a draft of the updated state workforce plan, "Talent and Prosperity for All," or TAP, at a special call in-meeting, Monday, February 12 at 10 a.m. The Board will take action on releasing the revised draft plan for public comment. The Board will take final action at its regular March 14 meeting before submitting the plan to federal agencies. More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/February12agenda.asp>

### **NEW VIDEO: WDC DIRECTOR CHERYL FAMBLES INTERVIEWED ABOUT WORKFORCE ISSUES**

Thurston Community Media recently interviewed Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council Executive Director Cheryl Fambles about the organization's role in workforce and economic development in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties. The interview is part of an ongoing series called Mission Nonprofit. Watch the video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX\\_LOUxrOlc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX_LOUxrOlc&feature=youtu.be)

### **NEW DIRECTOR HIRED TO HEAD BENTON-FRANKLIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Tiffany Scott was recently named the new Executive Director/CEO of the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council, which serves the Tri-Cities area, including Benton and Franklin counties. Scott succeeds

Jack Fitzgerald, who assumed a new position as Director/CEO of the South Central Workforce Development Council. Scott has 17 years of experience in workforce program coordination and management. Most recently, she served as the Chief Operations Officer at the Benton-Franklin WDC.

<http://www.bentonfranklinwdc.com/index.html>

### **NEW ASSESSMENT RELEASED ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE CHALLENGES**

The Workforce Board, in partnership with the Health Workforce Council, University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies, and Agnes Balassa Solutions, recently released a behavioral health workforce assessment that includes recommendations to policymakers on ways to address shortages, distribution challenges, and other retention issues. Behavioral health includes both mental health and chemical dependency. The state's Workforce Board staffs the Health Workforce Council, which includes representatives from a broad range of healthcare stakeholders. A \$250,000 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant, allocated by Gov. Inslee, funded the work. More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/behavioralhealthgroup.asp>

### **WASHINGTON STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP SEEKS APPLICATIONS THROUGH FEB. 28.**

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship is accepting applications from qualifying Washington residents through the end of the month. The scholarship provides career-launching support services and scholarships of up to \$22,500 to low- and middle-income students pursuing high-demand bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) or healthcare. <https://waopportunityscholarship.org/>

## **January 24, 2018**

### **NEW WORKFORCE SYSTEM POSTER AVAILABLE NOW**

The Workforce Board's popular workforce system poster is freshly updated and ready for 2018. 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>

### **WORKFORCE SOUTHWEST CEO TO RETIRE, APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**

After six years as CEO of Workforce Southwest Washington, Jeanne Bennett is retiring in June. During Bennett's tenure, the nonprofit workforce organization sought and received millions of dollars in competitive grants for workforce training programs in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties. Applications for CEO are being accepted. More: <http://workforcesw.org/>

### **CAREER PATH SERVICES CEO LAUNCHES WORKFORCE PODCAST**

George Iranon, CEO of Career Path Services in Spokane, has launched a podcast called "The Dignity of Work." Iranon discusses best practices with leading workforce practitioners around the country. Recent podcasts have highlighted on-the-job training, building new partnerships, and an interview with Jessica Clayton of Spokane's youth career center, the Next Generation Zone. More: <http://www.careerpathservices.org/>

### **AJAC HOSTS GOVERNOR'S YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP SUMMIT NEXT WEEK**

The Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC) is hosting the Governor's Youth Apprenticeship Summit on Tuesday, Jan. 30 in Olympia. This year's summit serves as a technical workshop for educators, employers,

apprenticeship committees, and policymakers on new program development, best practices, and recommended state-level policy change. Gov. Inslee is the keynote speaker. Register: <http://conta.cc/2GbNXd4>

### **TAP COMMITTEE SEEKS COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT**

A committee focused on reducing barriers for workforce system customers has issued a Request for Proposals for a communications consultant to help create a strategy to share best practices, issues, and concerns among the state's 12 workforce regions. The Barriers and Accessibility Solutions Committee is one of several committees working to implement the state's workforce plan "Talent and Prosperity for All," or TAP. The deadline for proposals is Feb. 12. More: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/TAPaccessibilitybarriersolutions.asp>

## **January 11, 2018**

### **STAY ON TOP OF WORKFORCE BILLS WITH LEGISLATIVE TRACKER**

Follow workforce bills throughout the 2018 Legislative session. View bills our Workforce Board staff are tracking, along with presentations and materials at: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/LegislativeUpdates.asp>

### **NEW DIRECTOR HIRED TO HEAD CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR GLOBAL TRADE & SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

Sam Kaplan has been hired as the new director of the Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management at Highline College. He succeeds Meg Ryan, who retired. Kaplan is a 20-year veteran of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle and served as President the past five years. There are 10 Centers of Excellence at community and technical colleges throughout the state, each focused on a different key industry sector. <https://www.sbctc.edu/for-employers/centers-of-excellence.aspx>

### **SKILLED WORKER AWARENESS PROGRAM PROVIDES GRANTS TO BOOST WORKER TRAINING**

The state's Department of Commerce has launched a new program aimed at boosting the number of Washington workers who receive education and training that leads to certificates, associate's degrees, and other credentials recognized by industry. Organizations and government agencies involved in recruiting and outreach efforts aimed at worker training are encouraged to apply for grants to help more workers gain needed skills. The Skilled Worker Awareness program has \$70,000 to distribute, with priority given to projects that range from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Deadline to apply is February 21. More details: <http://bit.ly/2DkR3dO>

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Randy Spaulding is the new executive director of the State Board of Education, which provides advocacy and strategic oversight of public K-12 education in Washington. Spaulding has worked in education policy for over 20 years, most recently at the Washington Student Achievement Council, where he served as the Director of Academic Affairs and Policy. More at: <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/index.php>

### **WE'RE HIRING: WORKFORCE BOARD SEEKS VETERANS EDUCATION SPECIALIST**

The Workforce Board is hiring a vocational education program specialist to help evaluate and approve education and training programs at the 160 Washington institutions that offer certificate and diploma programs for veterans using the GI Bill. Closing date for applications has been extended to January 19. More details: <http://bit.ly/2qe78iz>