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Stats

- Since July 1, 2008 WICCO has invested in 5,737 new jobseekers who enrolled through WorkSource Clackamas.
- Since July 1, 2008 WICCO has invested in 520 youths (newly enrolled and follow-up) through C-Tech.

Did You Know?

- Through the Workforce Investment Act, WICCO receives funds annually to benefit the workforce and economy of Clackamas County.
- WICCO's providers train youth, adults, and dislocated workers.
- WICCO received over \$1.9 million in stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
- WICCO awards training grants for businesses to help build a highly skilled workforce in Clackamas County.
- WICCO is committed to equal opportunity for all. Find out more information about our [disability program navigator](#).

The Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County's (WICCO) mission is to develop a highly skilled workforce that creates sustained economic prosperity in Clackamas County.

Message from the Executive Director

Greetings! This is an exciting and challenging time for many businesses and individuals. I am excited to join the workforce investment team and work towards our mission of developing a highly skilled workforce that creates sustained economic prosperity in Clackamas County. Our businesses, families and communities will benefit from the important work we do. In my first full month on the job I am impressed and awed by the dedicated individuals I have met who work tirelessly to assist in achieving the mission of WICCO. From the staff at WorkSource Clackamas to members of the WICCO board of directors, this is a dedicated, committed group. Thank you all for the warm welcome. I look forward to continuing to creatively and passionately serve the citizens and businesses in this area. Now, more than ever, workforce investment plays a vital role in the economic health of Clackamas County. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions, ideas or comments. Thank you!



[Email Kim](#)

Public Announcements

- [Updated LUP Modification](#) posted for public comment
- [Seeking ideas](#) to help prepare for an anticipated competitive grant request from the Department of Labor (DOL)

WorkSource Clackamas Updates

- Greg Newton, training consultant, gave high marks to WorkSource Clackamas and its employees.
- The number of people served by WorkSource Clackamas has increased 165% from March 2008 to March 2009.
- [WorkSource Clackamas](#) was featured on Fox 12 News.

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WICCO is funded by WIA.

WICCO is an equal opportunity employer.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

5th Annual WICCO Dinner

The 5th Annual WICCO dinner at The Museum of the Oregon Territory was a great success. The attendees were not only treated to an exceptional dinner,



but informative and inspirational presentations by Louisa Duru, Devon Melvin, and Deb Adami, who have all benefited from funding (directly or indirectly) through WICCO. Board members were recognized for their dedicated service and a special Step-up Award was presented to **Jerry Turner** for going above and beyond the call of duty as Board Chair. **Mike Biery** received an appreciation award from the WICCO staff. **Enoch Manufacturing** received the Youth Services Employer of the Year Award. Our congratulations and thanks goes to **Willamette Falls Hospital**, who received WICCO's Employer of the Year Award for their constant dedication to the workforce of Clackamas County.

Resources for Local Businesses

With the help of our partners, WICCO has put together a one-page information sheet that lists resources and



programs for local businesses. Please feel free to distribute to other businesses or interested parties.

[Info Sheet](#)

ARRA Funding

WICCO received over \$1.9 million in stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. \$1,128,597 will go towards Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs. \$783,842



will go towards Youth Programs. For more information on these funds, please see

[ARRA Info](#)

Renewable Energy in Oregon

The Renewable Energy in Oregon Symposium, held on April 25th at Clackamas Community



College, was a huge success. The symposium is part of the Clackamas County Road Trips funded through WICCO. With the nation and world's attention focused on renewable energy, **Thor Hinkley**, PGE Renewable Power Program Manager, and **Chad Stillinger**, OSU Wave Energy Program Doctoral Student, spoke of Oregon's ongoing achievements in solar, wave, wind, hydro, and geothermal energy. They also discussed green jobs, which the emerging workforce-focused audience was eager to hear about. The second part of this renewable energy series was a tour of the **Biglow Canyon Wind Farm** and **Bonneville Dam** to learn more about wind and hydro energy. The bus tour, which took place on May 2nd, was facilitated by Craig Anderson, faculty member of Clackamas Community College. It was an exciting and informative trip. If you are interested in future road trips, please email stacey.hendricks@wicco.org

[Road Trip Info](#)

Clackamas Community Corner

With all of the negative news we get daily in large part due to the economy, it's good to know that



there are success stories out there of people and businesses in the community that have been helped by our services. This month we are highlighting **Louisa Duru** who, as some of you

know, spoke at the WICCO dinner. Louisa was born in Nigeria and moved to Oregon 14 years ago. She explained the difficulties of trying to raise a family while working overtime just to make ends meet. After hearing of a WICCO funded program through a career specialist, Louisa was benefited with classes, childcare, gas money, and training sessions. She now has a career as a nurse which she enjoys. She makes a livable wage where she does not have to work overtime. And most importantly, she is able to spend more time with her family. - Thank you, Louisa, for sharing your inspiring story with us.

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