

Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County  
*Economic growth through a skilled workforce*



## Fact Sheet

### ***What is the Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County?***

Our Council is dedicated to building a strong local workforce. Through our public-private partnerships, we attract funding to help Clackamas County businesses proactively address a key challenge to their success - a skilled, competitive workforce. Our workforce initiatives and programs are employment and training solutions that save businesses time, money and energy in finding and retaining a highly skilled workforce, and support those seeking work and a rewarding career.

Mission: Our job is to develop a highly skilled workforce that creates a sustained economic prosperity in Clackamas County.

### ***Who are the Council's customers?***

The Council provides oversight for local workforce funding and attracts and leverages new funding sources to assist businesses, job seekers and youth with employment and training services. To accomplish this mission we partner with economic development professionals, educators and local businesses to ensure we are developing a workforce that meets the needs of our region.

### ***How does the Council operate?***

We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization governed by a board of directors responsible for developing policy and overseeing local workforce development initiatives in partnership with the local elected officials. Our Board is unique in that we build strategic partnerships with economic development, education and business to leverage and maximize funding for Clackamas County.

### ***How do Board members get appointed?***

The WICCO has a 35-member board of directors organized in accordance with its bylaws and Workforce Investment Act requirements. Its members represent private industry, labor, educational institutions, local government, manufacturing and service agencies creating an effective partnership between businesses and workforce service agencies.

### ***What are the Board's primary responsibilities?***

The authority of the WICCO is established in Federal and State legislation that provides funding to support the operation of a local workforce development system. The WICCO's role is to ensure that this system is market-driven and responsive in meeting the employment and training needs of employers and job seekers alike. We serve as a point of contact for business, industry and the public sector to communicate their workforce needs and provide a forum where private and public sector leaders jointly consider workforce development needs of the region.

### ***How Often Does the WICCO meet?***

The WICCO meets six times a year, with subcommittee work taking place throughout the year. Our current sub-committees include: A list of current meeting dates and locations is available at [www.wicco.org](http://www.wicco.org)

### ***What Area Does the Board Serve?***

The WICCO serves the geographic area of Clackamas County and participates in a variety of regional workforce initiatives.