



OREGON WORKFORCE  
PARTNERSHIP

*Better Skills • Better Jobs*  
**Our Promise**

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Chair  
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We know the challenges we face in the current economic climate. We are facing a jobless recovery into 2013. The jobs that will emerge in this recovery will require different, higher level skills than those that existed before. The resources we need to prepare for these new jobs have been in decline for the last 10 years.

*Jim Fong*  
Vice Chair  
*Rogue Valley*  
*Workforce*

Despite these challenges, the Oregon Workforce Partnership remains committed to delivering on its mission - *Better Skills • Better Jobs*.

*Development*  
*Council/The Job*  
*Council*

What do we mean by *Better Skills • Better Jobs*? We mean that more Oregonians will have the foundational skills necessary to compete for good jobs or at least to enter into pathways leading to good jobs. We mean more Oregonians will be able to help their companies beat out global competition and become even more productive. We mean that more companies will provide jobs that can sustain families and communities. We mean that innovative companies will choose Oregon as the place to locate and grow, and that existing companies will continue to grow in our communities.

*Kim Parker*  
*Workforce Investment*  
*Council of Clackamas*  
*County*

*Pat Grose*  
*Enterprise for*  
*Employment and*  
*Education*

Oregon's workforce system is nationally recognized as a leader in innovation and partnership development. Led by Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) funding, Oregon pioneered the development of Career Pathways Programs to make education and training more accessible to low income adults and simultaneously more responsive to local business needs. Oregon has initiated dozens of successful sector partnerships to leverage private and public resources for the benefit of companies and workers. Oregon has developed an innovative model to better integrate a variety of federal, state and local resources to build a more comprehensive, responsive, and accountable public workforce system WorkSource Oregon.

*Steve Bekofsky*  
*Linn/Benton/Lincoln*  
*Workforce Investment*  
*Board*

*Chuck Forster*  
*Lane Workforce*  
*Partnership*

These innovations are a testament to the leadership and creativity that underlies Oregon's workforce system. As we look towards economic recovery and a post "great recession" economy, Oregon must build upon these successes and create an environment that encourages even greater innovation, coordination and accountability at every turn. This is the context in which we developed this website and realigned our work to make a greater impact in the future.

*Kris Latimer*  
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*Consortium/Oregon*  
*Workforce Alliance*

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*Oregon Workforce*  
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**We need your help to succeed. We hope you will use our website to stay informed, to respond when asked, and to partner with us to build a stronger future with *Better Skills • Better Jobs* for all of Oregonian's citizen's and companies.**