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Events Explore Job Options for Engineers

Vancouver WA – Recognizing that engineering talent is key to regional economic recovery and growth, Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development (WIRED), a US Department of Labor funded program, is sponsoring two employment symposia specifically for engineers.

Set for November 12 in Portland and November 16 in Vancouver, the symposia content is specifically tailored for engineers who have found themselves in an uncomfortable scramble for employment or needing to retool their credentials to be more marketable to emerging industries. Nanoscience, sustainable technologies, bio-engineering and drug development, and alternative energy options such as wave, solar or wind are just a handful of promising fields for area engineers. How to transition to positions in these industries are among the topics slated for the Engineering Employment Symposia.

“Engineers are key to innovation. We want to find ways to help them stay in our region and raise their families. As the economy recovers, we know we’ll need them,” said Lisa Nisenfeld, executive director for the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (Swwdc).

The highly interactive and carefully designed sessions will offer community, top level coaching and education, motivation, and resources to talented professionals who possess engineering credentials and job experiences and are considered to be dislocated or downsized.

Three presentation tracks will be offered during each half day symposium along with plenary session speakers and tabletop exhibits. Professionals with careers in aerospace, agriculture, architectural, biomedical, chemical, civic, computer hardware, electrical, electronics, environmental, fire prevention, health and safety, industrial, marine, materials, mechanical, mining and geological, nuclear, petroleum, product safety structural and work environment fields are encouraged to attend.

Attendance is limited at the no-charge symposia, therefore advanced registration is recommended. Regional partners include Enterprise for Employment & Education, MTC Works, Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, Worksystems, Inc. and Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County. For more information or to register, visit www.swwdc.org or call (360) 567-1070.