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Attachment included: summit agenda

6th Annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit includes National Experts

More than 250 industry, labor, education, workforce and economic development leaders will learn, network and share in the future of energy technology. This year's annual summit will feature one of the most exciting lineups of speakers and panelists June 23 and 24 at the Regional Education and Training Center at Satsop Campus in Elma, Wash.

Seattle City Light apprentices begin the summit with a flag raising ceremony. Members of the IBEW Local 77 will climb a utility pole to hang a U.S. flag which was donated by Senator Maria Cantwell.

The first day will include industry and labor trends and best practices with keynote speaker Roger Woodworth, Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at Avista of Spokane. Woodworth will present *A new era for energy: Are you ready?*

The day will continue with presentations about smart grid programs and microgrid innovations. It will end with a crab feed, wine tasting and an auction to raise funds for scholarships.

The second day will include discussions about workforce development, education, and preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. Panelists will discuss local and national trends within the workforce.

Keynote speakers from the National Corporation for a Skilled Workforce will discuss *National Lessons Learned from Energy Economy Initiatives and Creating a National Competencybased Qualifications Framework.* CSW shares big ideas for job creation. Its mission is to be a catalyst for nationwide transformative change in education, economic and workforce development using research and action.

Though the sixth annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit is free, registration is required and is located online at <u>http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit-2011</u>. Both days begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn during afternoon hours.



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DAY TWO – Friday, June 24, 2011			
TIME	WEST HALL	EAST HALL	UPPER HALL
8 - 9 a.m.	Registration	Registration	Trade Show Continental Breakfast
9 - 9:30 a.m.	Welcome/ Thursday Recap Barbara Hins-Turner, Executive Director, PNCECE		
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	 National Lessons Learned from Energy Economy Initiatives and Creating a National Competency-based Qualifications Framework Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, Moderator PANELISTS Dr. Keith Bird, Senior Policy Fellow for Workforce and Postsecondary Education Lindsey Woolsey, Interim Director Business and Industry Strategies Nancy Lapgrade, Senior Policy Associate, Corporation for A Skilled Workforce 		
10:30 - 11 a.m.	Networking		Trade Show
11 a.m - noon	The Next Generation Workforce: Growing Your Own Mark Mattke, Executive Director, Spokane Workforce Development Council, Moderator PANELISTS Kairie Pierce, K-12 Apprenticeship Director, Washington State Labor Council Rosa Schmidt, GIECP Project Manager, Center for Energy Workforce Development Laurie Black, Project Manager, Seattle/King County Workforce Development Council Jilliene McKinstry, Assistant Director, Transmission and Distribution Engineering Program, Gonzaga University		
12 - 12:30 p.m.			Trade Show
12:30 - 1 p.m.		Faculty Institute Lunch Session Alison Pugh, Energy Management Coordinator, Edmonds Community College Ron Wheadon, Executive Dean for Professional Technical & Workforce Education, Cascadia Community College Alan Hardcastle, PhD, Senior Research Associate, WSU Extension Energy Program	
1 - 2 p.m.		Energy Educators Roundtable Discussion Alison Pugh, Randy Sibley, <i>Edmonds</i> <i>Community College</i> Mel Oyler, John Vanleer, <i>Cascadia</i> <i>Community College</i>	
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