



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

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Workforce Development:

- The Oregon Department of Employment has services for business such as job postings, assistance with Frances Online, business and workforce solutions and payroll tax contributions forms and resources. You can email the Worksource Oregon office in McMinnville here or call 503-472-5118, select option 3 for business services.
- [YVCareers.com](https://www.yvcareers.com) is a complimentary job board for posting your jobs, internships, and other opportunities at your place of business. The site was developed in partnership with Chemeketa Community College, McMinnville School District, and the [Workforce Integration Network \(WIN\)](#).
- The WIN, [Workforce Integration Network](#), needs input from businesses and industry. Consider attending a meeting to learn more. The WIN is focused on workforce development and wants to know how to best support you and workforce development in the area. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, 3-4pm at Chemeketa Community College, Yamhill Valley Campus, McMinnville. You can learn more [here](#).
- Worksource Oregon is hosting an [Apprenticeship Workshop](#) on Wednesday April 30th, 2pm. You will learn about: HVAC/R, plumbing, inside wire electrician, sheet metal worker, solar and iron worker programs at Chemeketa Community College. The event will be held at the WorkSource Salem (605 Cottage Street, Salem). For more information call 503-378-4846.

Business Resources:

- [MEDP](#), [SBDC](#), the McMinnville [Chamber](#) of Commerce and Yamhill County [Economic Development](#) are hosting a business forum on Access to Capital and Business Resource Fair on Thursday, May 8th, at Chemeketa Community College from 8am-11am. All Yamhill County businesses are invited to attend. Space will be limited. More details to come soon.

- Oregon Entrepreneurs Network is hosting the Washington County Entrepreneur Support Org Reverse Pitch on April 23, 8:00am-10:30am at Zesti Food Carts pavilion (2131 Yew Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116). Entrepreneur and support organizations will pitch their services, programs, accelerators, and engagement opportunities directly to entrepreneurs (2 min pitch each). This event is for Oregon and SW Washington founders and early-stage entrepreneurs (early, development or growth start-up). You can read about it [here](#) and register [here](#).
- Launch Mid-Valley is hosting the Oregon Start-up Conference on June 20, 2025, at George Fox University, Newberg, OR. You can learn more [here](#).
- On Monday, April 14th, a live webinar with Gerardo Lemus on Will AI Take My Job is being presented by Launch Mid-Valley. You can contact the organizer [here](#).
- April is Emergency Alert Awareness month. You can sign up for [wireless emergency alerts](#) (WEAs) that provide critical information during emergencies such as severe weather, natural disasters and public safety threats. Check your phone settings to make sure you receive alerts. You can sign up for [OR-Alerts](#) to stay informed about local emergencies.
- The Oregon Business Center is hosting the [Small Business Success Summit](#) on June 18, 2025 from 8am-2pm at the Holiday Inn, Portland (I-5 S, Wilsonville). The early-bird cost to attend is \$45 (plus registration fee of \$3.95 by April 30th). You can register [here](#). This is for business owners, key managers or essential team members. Along with speakers and networking, the event offers a business resource expo where you can connect with a variety of state, and local resources for your business.
- [Design and Build Innovation Jam](#) hosted by Chemeketa Community College, (Center for Cybersecurity, Building 4, Room 222, 4000 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem Or) on April 23. You are invited to this dynamic, hands-on event that brings students and the community together to form teams, brainstorm ideas and design creative solutions. The teams compete for prizes and the top teams will earn an invitation to represent their institution at the [2025 InventOR Pitch Competition and Prototype Exhibition](#).

Grants and Award programs:

- Fast Company, for the tenth year in a row, has launched their Brands That Matter Awards. The awards recognize outstanding achievements with six different awards programs: Most Innovative Companies, Innovation by Design, World Changing

Ideas, Best Workplaces for Innovators and the Next Big Thing. Companies of any size can apply. Applications are judged on timeliness, relevance, cultural and business impact, clarity, and ingenuity. You can learn more [here](#) and [here](#). Applications in the early-rate category are due by April 25, 2025.

- [CO- by the US Chamber](#) has a list of 100+ grants for small business. You can find that list [here](#).

Legislative:

- The Oregon Legislature is considering two bills that would increase property taxes: [SB712](#) would increase property taxes by three percent in the maximum assess value of the property. Also [HJR6](#) would add \$1/\$1000 on real market value to be deposited in an emergency fund created by the legislative assembly. [HJR8](#) would levy \$.25/\$1,000 of the value of the property, and would be on all real property and personal property, tangible and intangible, located, used or held for use within the state, unless exempt from taxation.
- [SB573](#) would repeal the personal income kicker and the funds would go to funding public education, kindergarten through 12th grade.
- [HB2688](#) passed the House Labor and Workplace Standards Committee, which increases the scope of prevailing wage in Oregon. This applies to construction work that occurs on a jobsite and would include 'bespoke' or custom-made products.
- [SB83](#) and [HB3944](#) passed this week. [SB83](#) makes changes to building code standards for wildfire hazard mitigation. [HB3944](#) repeals provisions related to building code standards for wildfire hazard mitigation, defensible space requirement, fire protection for lands outside of forest protection districts and the wildfire hazard map.