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Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Partners with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries

ELLENSBURG, WA – July 2, 2024 - The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce would like to announce a new partnership with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries providing recurring resources to small businesses.

The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) is a diverse state agency dedicated to the safety, health, and security of Washington's 3.3 million workers. They help employers meet safety and health standards, and they also inspect workplaces when alerted to hazards. As administrators of the state's workers' compensation system, they are similar to a large insurance company, providing medical and limited wage-replacement coverage to workers who suffer job-related injuries and illness. Their rules and enforcement programs also help ensure workers' rights are protected, that children and teens are kept safe at work, and that consumers are protected from unsound practices.

"As the CEO of the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, I am thrilled to announce our partnership with Washington State Labor and Industries. This collaboration signifies a commitment to the safety, health, and well-being of our community's workforce. By joining forces with L&I, we are enhancing our ability to provide essential resources and support to our local businesses, ensuring they have access to the tools and information necessary to thrive in a safe and compliant manner. Together, we look forward to empowering businesses in Kittitas County and beyond, and fostering a culture of workplace safety and fairness," said Amy McGuffin, Chief Executive Officer of the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce.

You can find weekly resources being shared across social media platforms, information within our weekly newsletters, and on our website at <u>kittitascountychamber.com</u>. To connect with the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce you can email us at <u>info@kittitascountychmaber.com</u> or by calling the office at (509) 925-2002.

About the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce: The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is the largest business support and development organization in Kittitas County, and one of the largest in Central Washington. With over 500 members representing every business sector, the Chamber and its committees oversee county-wide tourism promotion and economic development initiatives and a range of business support tools including publications, web services, seminars and even leadership development for a new generation.

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