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BMCC partners with Umatilla County on workforce study

PENDLETON, Ore. – The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners and Blue Mountain Community College have joined forces to better understand the workforce needs throughout Umatilla County. Together, they would like to understand the challenges existing employers face when recruiting and filling open positions in Umatilla County and the impact the availability of a qualified workforce has on decisions to expand.

Having access to a qualified workforce is necessary for growth, expansion, and day-to-day business operations.

“The more we understand the issues existing employers face, the better we will be able to work on solutions and resources to support them, as well as those interested in establishing a business in Umatilla County,” said Susan Bower of Eastern Oregon Business Source, who has been hired to conduct this study.

The survey takes just 15-minutes to complete and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Umatillacountyworkforceneeds>. Individual responses will be shared only with the independent consultant hired to conduct this study. The compilation of results will be published and will include a list of participant organizations. An organization's contact information and survey responses will not be shared in a way that is identifiable.

Umatilla County and Blue Mountain Community College are committed to serving the region's employers, and believe this survey is an important step toward the increased availability of a qualified workforce for the region.

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