

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Workforce Development Council to Meet in Idaho Falls July 13

Idaho's Workforce Development Council will hold its quarterly meeting at the Idaho National Laboratory on Monday, July 13, from 1-5 p.m. in Idaho Falls.

In addition to regular workforce updates, the council will review a request from the department to use an additional \$1 million from the Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund for a third round of Idaho Industry Sector Grants. To date, the department has awarded \$2.7 million to Idaho colleges and universities through this program as a way to connect education and business, accelerate the development of skilled workers necessary for specific industries, and in the process, boost wages and expand the economy.

Additional agenda items include a discussion of the new federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Grant that supports training and employment services for Idaho's adults, dislocated workers and low-income at-risk youth. Other topics include a local business, education and labor panel organized by the East-Central Idaho Planning and Development Association, updates from the board's youth council and an industry discussion led by Idaho Department of Labor Director Kenneth D. Edmunds.

Council members, appointed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, represent businesses, workers, education, state and local government and community based organizations. The council's primary goal is to advise the governor and the State Board of Education on strategies designed to yield high quality workforce investment services for Idaho's businesses, job seekers and students.

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**Editors:** For more information about the first two rounds of Idaho Industry Sector Grants, click on the following links:

04/24/2015: [University of Idaho, College of Western Idaho and North Idaho College Receive Training Grants](#)

11/27/2013: [Boise State, North Idaho College, Idaho State University Receive Worker Training Grants](#)