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Idaho Workforce Development Council to meet in Boise July 14

A panel of representatives from the Idaho Department of Labor, Career Technical Education and Idaho Power will update the Idaho Workforce Development Council on Idaho's registered apprenticeship program at its quarterly meeting Thursday, July 14. The meeting runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Boise's Oxford Suites.

Idaho was awarded a \$200,000 planning grant for the apprenticeship project and currently is vying for a portion of a \$90 million two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship to develop the program more fully.

The council will also discuss final rules from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education to implement the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#). According to a U.S. Department of Labor press release these regulations "deliver on the need to modernize the nation's workforce system and represent a more integrated, job-driven approach to support communities and expand job growth."

Among other committee and department director updates will be a presentation from the Idaho Career Information System, which has applied for grants to help increase the number of rural, low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

The meeting agenda can be found [online](#).

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

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