



Agriculture & Natural Resource Center of Excellence: Information Sheet

The Centers of Excellence

The Washington State Centers of Excellence (COEWA) grow and sustain the State’s economic advantage through statewide leadership. Each Center focuses on a targeted industry that drives the state’s economy and is built upon a reputation for fast, flexible, quality education and training programs (see table below).

Centers are guided by industry representatives to lead collaborative and coordinated statewide education and training efforts to build a competitive workforce in a global economy.

Center of Excellence, Critical Industries	Director	Host College
Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing	Jason Petrait	Everette
Agriculture & Natural Resources	Lindsey Williams	Walla Walla
Allied Health,	Dan Ferguson	Yakima Valley
Careers in Education	Jamie Wells	Green River
Clean Energy	Monica Brummer	Centralia
Computing and Information Technology	Brianna Rockenstire	Bellevue
Construction	Christina Rupp	Renton
Cyber Security	Brent Lundstrom	Whatcom
Global Trade and Supply Chain Management	Sam Kaplan	Highline
Homeland Security & Emergency Management	Linda Crerar	Pierce
Marine Manufacturing & Technology	Ann Avery	Skagit Valley
Semiconductor & Electronics Manufacturing	Carl Douglas	Clark

Who We Serve

Centers of Excellence support two primary segments: Education and Industry

Washington State Centers of Excellence are committed to developing a workforce and growing our state’s economy. The centers support students and working learners by engaging with education and industry to build pathways to living wage careers in Washington State.

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Vision

The Agriculture & Natural Resource Center of Excellence shall be a local, national, and global model for innovative workforce development, and collaboration between industry and education. The center will strive to support economic vitality, and be an advocate for the understanding and recognition that Washington is a leader in agriculture and natural resource industries.

Mission

In serving as a statewide liaison, the Agriculture & Natural Resource Center of Excellence collaborates, communicates, and convenes partners in business, industry, labor, and education.

Partnerships

- AgForestry Leadership
- American Farmland Trust
- Career Connect Washington
- Department of Natural Resources
- Farmer Veteran Coalition (Department of Veterans Affairs)
- myTRI 2030 Agriculture Council
- National Center for Appropriate Technology
- Pacific Education Institute
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Spokane Conservation District
- Ste. Michelle Wine Estates
- Taylor Shellfish
- The McGregor Company
- Walla Walla County Conservation District
- Washington State Center of Excellence
- Washington State Tree Fruit Association

Serves as a resource for the sharing and creation of:

- Industry Data and Resources
- Curriculum Development and Skills Standards
- Program Development
- MOUs and Articulation Agreements
- Advisory Committee Development
- Faculty Professional Development
- Pathway Development
- Industry Partnerships

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