

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2020

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21ST ANNUAL TRI-CITIES REGIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 | 7:30AM-1:30PM
THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER, KENNEWICK

AGENDA:

7:00AM Registration & Networking

7:30AM Breakfast Keynote Presentation

Great Hall A/C

Washington Business Outlook: Kris Johnson, President & CEO, AWB

8:30AM Outlook Session 1

Great Hall A/C

Tri-Cities Regional Economy: Ajsa Suljic, Regional Labor Economist, Washington State Employment Security Department

PNNL/PNSO Outlook: Malin Young, Associate Laboratory Director, Earth and Biological Sciences, Pacific NW National Laboratory

Hanford Outlook: Brian Vance, Hanford Site Manager, U.S. DOE

9:45am Networking & Refreshment Break

10:00am Breakout Session 1

Track 1: Community Development Projects Meeting Room A/B

City of Kennewick: Evelyn Lusignan, PR & Government Affairs Director
Port of Kennewick: Tim Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer
City of Pasco: Rick White, Community & Economic Development Director
Port of Pasco: Gary Ballew, Director of Economic Development & Marketing
City of Richland: Mandy Wallner, Marketing Specialist
Port of Benton: Diahann Howard, Executive Director
City of West Richland: Eric Mendenhall, Community Development Manager

Track 2: Energizing the Tri-Cities Meeting Room C

Pathway to Washington Clean Energy Future: Brent Ridge, VP for Corporate Services/ CFO, Energy Northwest

Technology Solving Energy Challenges: Lee Cheatham, Director of Technology Deployment & Outreach, Pacific NW National Laboratory

Energy Challenges Facing the Tri-Cities: Rick Dunn, Incoming General Manager, Benton PUD

Track 3: Life in the Tri Meeting Room D

Residential Real Estate: John Keltch, Board Chair, Tri-City Association of Realtors

Tourism: Michael Novakovich, President & CEO, Visit Tri-Cities

Retail: Barbara Johnson, Mall Manager, Columbia Center Mall

Arts: Davin Diaz, Executive Director, Arts Center Task Force

10:50am Networking & Refreshment Break

11:00am Breakout Session 2

Track 1: Education and Workforce Development Meeting Room A/B

WSU Tri-Cities: Sandra Haynes, Chancellor

Columbia Basin College: Rebekah Woods, President

K-12: Traci Pierce, Superintendent, Kennewick School District

Track 2: Local State and Federal Policies Impacting Washington Businesses Meeting Room C

Tri-Cities Legislative Priorities: Jason Herbert, Chair, Tri-Cities Legislative Council
State Legislation: Stephanie Swanberg, Government and Regional Affairs Director,

Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce

Federal Policy: David Reeploeg, VP Federal Programs, TRIDEC

Track 3: Growing the Agriculture Industry Meeting Room D

Innovations in Production Agriculture: Pat Tolman, VP AgriNorthwest

The New Age of Agriculture: Navigating the Benefits and Challenges of Technology:

Andy Freepons, Owner, Precision Planting, LLC

Influences Impacting the Wine Industry: JJ Williams, Sales Manager, Kiona Vineyards and Winery

12:00pm Keynote Luncheon Presentation

Great Hall A/C

Challenges Facing Health Care Industry: Scott O'Brien, COO, Providence

St. Joseph Health's Washington Montana Region

1:30pm Event Conclusion

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