

Monday, July 18, 2016; 2:30 - 5:30 pm
Hyatt Regency; Herald/Doll; Calgary, Alberta

Innovation and Workforce

Co-Chairs:

- Shawna Argue, Director, Education and Compliance, APEGS
- Nirav Desai, Chief Technologist, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Sen. Maralyn Chase, Senator, Washington State Legislature

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Impacts of new technologies on our regional workforce

Much like the transition from steam locomotives to diesel technology in the 1930s, our workforce is going through a renaissance. More and more skilled labor requires a high tech education in order to keep up with new techniques and equipment.

The competitive landscape of the global economy, coupled with worldwide environmental challenges, is creating unprecedented demand for scientific discovery and application. The Pacific Northwest region must channel the strengths of its many separate resources into a collaborative, comprehensive effort that maximizes the economic benefits of regional innovation.

Workforce Panel

- **Robyn Bews**, Executive Director, WORKshift Canada
- **Steve VanAusdle**, President Emeritus, Walla Walla Community College

Potential of innovation accelerators around the region to collaborate

Panelists will discuss areas where these important resources can share emerging technologies which will benefit the regional economy.

Innovation Panel

- **Vikram Jandhyala**, Vice Provost for Innovation, University of Washington
- **Mike Isman**, Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton
- **Egils Milbergs**, Chair, Water Alliance; Partnership Director, Pure Blue Clean Water Innovation Initiative

Discussion and Action Items