



Grant County

Economic Development Council February 2019 Newsletter



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2019 World Ag Expo

The Grant County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) attended the 53rd World Ag Expo in Tulare, CA, February 12-14, 2019.

Emily Smith, Business Recruitment Manager attended the show with the Eastern Washington Economic Development Alliance (EWEDA). EWEDA comprises of Grant County, Adams County, Yakima County and the Port of Pasco.

“It’s a great relationship to be able to travel with other communities that have a similar goal to ours,” said Smith. “All of our counties are based in agriculture, so we are able to represent a much larger area. When you



The 53rd World Ag Expo. Photo by the World Ag Expo.

speaking to companies or site selectors, they know where Eastern Washington is, but they may not know where Grant County is located.”

The World Ag Expo is the largest Agricultural Show in the United States. It featured almost 1,500 exhibitors spread over 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space. The three-day show hosted over 100,000 attendees which represented 48 states, the District of Columbia and 65 countries.

EWEDA works together to attract businesses that are looking to expand or relocate as Washington is able to be a competitive place to do business.



The Eastern Washington Economic Development Alliance representing Grant, Adams, Yakima, Benton and Franklin Counties at the World Ag Expo in California.



Date and Time

February 27–28, 2019, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Location

Columbia Basin Technical Skills Center
900 E. Yonezawa Blvd
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Fee

\$40.00 per person

Includes Workshop Manual & Handouts.

Use Online Registration for signup and payment

<http://wsbdc.org/event/export-readiness/>

Registration or payment questions:

info@wsbdc.org

SBDC 509.358.7890



Grant County
Economic Development Council



Grant County Economic Development Council and Washington State Small Business Development Center Extend a special invitation for your business to participate in the 2019 TWO-DAY *Export Readiness Workshop*

How to Succeed in International Markets

Learn export business planning and financing, foreign market entry methods and how to get your products in front of foreign buyers.



Presenters Include:

WSBDC International Trade Specialist
WSBDC Certified Business Advisor
Shipping and Logistics Professional
Washington State Dept. of Agriculture
SBA International Loan Specialist

GCEDC Elects New Board of Directors

On February 20, 2019, the Grant County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) held the 2019 Annual Investor Meeting at Big Bend Community College. During the meeting the investors voted in the 2019-2022 Board of Directors.

Gregg Fletcher with Confluence Health and Dr. Terry Leas with Big Bend Community College were elected to service a second term on the board.

Joseph Akers with SGL Group, Katherine Ryf with Landau Associates, Peggy Nevsimal with the Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce, Juanita Richards with Horizon Credit Union were voted to serve their first term. Louis Szablya with the Grant County PUD was voted to replace Diane Chestnut, who has stepped down from the board.

At the regular board meeting that

was held directly after the meeting, the board of directors voted in the 2019 officers for GCEDC. Dr. Terry Leas will continue on as president for a second year. Gilbert Alvarado will be the vice-president, Dale Pomeroy will continue on as the secretary, William Coe will be the treasurer and LeAnne K. Parton will continue as the Past President.



2019 Annual Banquet Speaker

Former State Rep. Gary Chandler is AWB's vice president of government affairs. He is the association's chief lobbyist and directs its legislative and regulatory programs.

As a legislator, Chandler co-chaired the House Agriculture and Ecology Committee and served on the Natural Resources and Transportation committees during the last legislative session. He was first elected to the legislature in 1990 from Moses Lake and served

in a legislative seat once occupied by his father, Glyn.

Chandler has also been a member of AWB's Board of Directors. He owns The UPS Store in Moses Lake.

He was a hay farmer, apple orchardist, former manager of the family's farm implement dealership and Grant County Commissioner.



Chandler and his wife, Deborah, live in Moses Lake.



**Grant County
Economic Development Council**

Thursday, March 7, 2019 Annual Banquet

Social Hour 5:30 - Dinner: 6:30

Masto Conference Center Big Bend Community College

Cost: \$60 per person or \$440 for a table of 8

Register Today!



Partners & Investors

Founders Circle \$75,000+

ASPI Group
City of Moses Lake
City of Quincy
Grant County
Grant County PUD
Port of Moses Lake
Port of Quincy

Platinum Division \$50,000-\$74,999

Central Terminals LLC
Columbia Basin Herald
Microsoft Corporation
Samaritan Healthcare
Washington Trust Bank
Oath:

Gold Division \$25,000-\$49,999

Chemi-Con Materials
Confluence Health
Genie Industries
Hayden Homes

Silver Division \$15,000-\$24,999

City of Ephrata
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Nouryon, Specialty Chemicals
Port of Ephrata
Port of Mattawa
REC Silicon

Bronze Division \$2,500-\$14,999

Accredited Appraisals
Agri/Com Appraisals
Basic American Foods
Barrett Business Services, Inc.
Big Bend Community College
Big Bend Community College Foundation
Central Bonded Collectors
City of Electric City
City of George
City of Royal City
City of Soap Lake
City of Warden
Clear Risk Solutions
Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Ranch & Home
Columbia Basin Development League
Columbia Basin Job Corp
Columbia Basin Railroad
Columbia Electrical Supply
Columbia Glass Inc.
Columbia Northwest Engineering
Consolidated Disposal Service, Inc.
Dano Law Firm, PS

Bronze Division Cont.

Gary Mann Real Estate
General Dynamics—OTS
Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce
Guild Mortgage Company
Horizon Credit Union
Housing Authority of Grant County
Hub International
Inland Tarp & Liner, LLC
ITC Services, Inc.
J & M Electric
JR Newhouse Co., PLLP
Lad Irrigation Co., Inc.
LambWeston
Landau Associates, Inc.
Lenroc Company
Live Nation-Gorge Amphitheatre
Mardon Resort
Martin Morris Agency
Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce
Moses Lake Community Health Center
Moses Lake School District
Northland Communications
Northwest Farm Credit Services
Polhamus Heating & Air Conditioning
Port of Coulee City
Port of Hartline
Port of Royal Slope
Port of Warden
Quincy Foods
Rock Steel Structures
SGL Group
Skaug Brothers, Inc.
Skone & Connors
Total Employment & Management
Town of Coulee City
Trask Insurance Inc.
Umpqua Bank
Western Pacific Engineering
Western Polymer Corporation
Windermere K-2 Realty
WorkSource Central Basin
Zip Truck Lines, Inc.

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David Bailey
Terry Brewer
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Denise Lefler
Fred Lischka
Col. Clyde Owen
Dale Pomeroy
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