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- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration/Networking**

- 8:30 a.m. **Opening Comments:**
 Jeff Johnson, WA State Labor Council, AFL-CIO President
 Anne Goranson, WA State Employment Security Department Assistant Commissioner
 Karen Larkin, WA State Department of Commerce Assistant Director

- 9:00 a.m. **Impact Washington:** *Subsidized services to help manufacturers go lean and grow.*
 John Vicklund, Executive Director

- 9:35 a.m. **TAA for Firms:** *Matching grant funds to help businesses compete globally.*
 Gary Kuhar, NW Trade Adjustment Assistance Center Executive Director

- 10:10 a.m. BREAK

- 10:20 a.m. **Shared-Work:** *Partnering with Unemployment Insurance to retain skilled workers.*
 Bill McDonald, Employment Security Department Program Manager

- 10:55 a.m. **Employee Buyouts or “ESOP”s:** *Advantages and disadvantages of employee ownership.*
 Jim Tusler, Labor Liaison / Retired WSLC Staff

- 11:30 a.m. **WA Department of Commerce Loan Funds:** *Increasing access to business financing.*
 Kenny Spain, WA State Department of Commerce

- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH, *provided*

- 12:45 p.m. **One-Stops:** *The epicenters of (under-utilized and free) employer and job seeker services.*
 John Dickson, WDA 12 (Spokane) Employment Security Department Area Director
 Gary Smith, Northwest Workforce Council Regional Manager
 Mic Stump, Tacoma-Pierce County Workforce Central Rapid Response Coordinator
 Lee Hendrickson, SkillsSource Wenatchee Training Specialist

- 1:30 p.m. **TAA for Workers:** *Defining the nuances of foreign competition and what it means for the laid-off worker.*
 Bill Messenger and Chelsea Orvella, WA State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
 Rob Mills, WA State Employment Security Department

- 2:05 p.m. **Worker Retraining:** *Innovations in the Community and Technical Colleges to meet unprecedented demand. Showcasing specialized training for dislocated workers from Grays Harbor Paper.*
 Debbie Richters, Grays Harbor College Worker Retraining Coordinator
 Dave Miller, Former GHP Production Scheduler / AWPPW Peer Outreach Worker
 Bob Weaver, Former GHP Paper Maker / AWPPW Peer Outreach Worker

- 2:30 p.m. **Closing Comments**
 Beth Thew, Spokane Regional Labor Council, Secretary-Treasurer / WSLC Executive Board Member and Economic Development Standing Committee Chair



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