



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – November 7, 2016**

Contact:

Lane Workforce Partnership

Jessica McCormick

1401 Willamette Street, Second Floor

Eugene, Oregon 97401

(541) 285-5227

[jessica@laneworkforce.org](mailto:jessica@laneworkforce.org)

The State of the Workforce Report, released by Lane Workforce Partnership, the designated local Workforce Investment Board for Lane County, Oregon gives insight into the quality of Lane County’s workforce, industry growth projections, and describes challenges and opportunities facing Lane County’s targeted industry sectors – Tech, Food and Beverage, Advanced Manufacturing, Health Care, and Mining and Construction.

Information in the report will help the workforce system understand the balance between the local workforce supply and industry demand to ensure workforce development investments are aligned with the needs of the local economy. Kristina Payne, Executive Director for Lane Workforce Partnership, stated that “the strategic investments made in innovated workforce development activities will help local businesses continue to grow and will assist local job seekers in gaining the necessary skills to compete for family wage employment opportunities.”

Key findings from the report include:

- Lane County’s Tech Sector is forecasted to grow by 28 percent between 2014 and 2024, adding 1,978 jobs.
- The Food and Beverage Sector is expected to add 1,287 jobs between 2014 and 2016, for a 13.2 percent growth rate.
- Lane County unemployment dropped by 1,247 people between 2014 and 2016.

A copy of the report can be viewed at [www.laneworkforce.org/reports](http://www.laneworkforce.org/reports).