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LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE INNOVATION TRAINING FUNDS

Eugene, Oregon, May, 19, 2017 – Lane Workforce Partnership and Lane County’s Community and Economic Development Department awarded two businesses with funds totaling \$85,150.

- **Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP) - \$55,150**
OMEP has a long standing history of being a third party consultant to private and public businesses. OMEP will use the funds to focus on assisting Lane County small businesses of 25 or fewer employees in obtaining the skills necessary to develop a Food Safety Plan to meet Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) compliance. The participants will receive certification in Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) which is recognized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) training.

For information regarding consideration for the training, please contact Linda Wechsler, OMEP Manufacturing Consultant, (562) 266-4090.

- **Food for Lane County - \$30,000**
Food for Lane County proposes to offer hands on skills training to people who may face challenges to employment in a supporting and structured environment preparing them for employment in food and beverage warehousing. Food for Lane County will use the funds to train 12 people over the next year in the areas of: safe food handling, warehouse equipment, temperature control, safety skills, inventory, handling of food orders, inventory record keeping, and work readiness skills. Completers of the course will obtain a Food Handler’s Permit, Forklift Certification, and a Lane Community College noncredit certificate in Food Warehousing Training.

For information regarding consideration for the training, please contact Food for Lane County at (541)343-2822.