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WorkSource Oregon Invites Job Seekers in the Portland Metro Area to Apply to Oregon Training Institute's Paid Weatherization Training Program

BEAVERTON, Ore. — WorkSource Oregon invites job seekers to learn about and apply for Oregon Training Institute's Energy Conservation and Weatherization Career Program. Oregon Training Institute (OTI) will host an information session about this paid training opportunity on Monday, March 30, 2026, from 10 a.m. to noon at WorkSource Oregon's Beaverton/Hillsboro location. Job seekers are invited to attend at no cost and may complete the program application during the session.

Weatherization refers to home improvements that save energy and money on utility bills while improving the safety and comfort of a home. Career paths in this field include positions such as retrofit installer, crew leader, energy auditor, quality control inspector, and client services representative. OTI prepares job seekers for these roles by teaching key skills such as conducting energy audits, installing insulation, sealing air leaks, venting clothes dryers, installing roof vents, and using blower doors to assess energy loss.

"Oregon's clean energy future depends on a skilled, local workforce, and the Oregon Energy Conservation and Weatherization Training Program is helping make that possible," said Suzanne Gray, workforce development manager for the Community Action Partnership of Oregon, which administers the OTI program. "This recruitment event connects job seekers with a team committed to energy efficiency and strengthening local communities. We're excited to meet candidates ready to build meaningful careers."

The program consists of three phases, with the next cohort scheduled for June 8-Sept. 10, 2026. Participants will gain valuable in-the-field experience, including opportunities for supervised work with a contractor, job shadowing, mentoring, and more. Upon successful completion of each phase, they will earn wage increases and certificates for employment in the weatherization field. Participants begin the program earning \$18.20 per hour; those who advance to the final phase conclude the program with a wage of \$23 per hour.

“This is a great opportunity for people to connect directly with a paid training provider,” said Jim Pfarrer, director of Workforce Operations with the Oregon Employment Department. “This is the time to make a strong impression, and job seekers should come ready to talk about their strengths and experience.”

“WorkSource Oregon – Beaverton/Hillsboro is pleased to bring this exciting event to job seekers in the Portland metro area,” said Jeffrey Janssen, business and employment specialist. “Even if this event isn’t for you, we still encourage you to come into one of our centers. This is just one example of the many services we offer at no cost to help people find a job or get the training they need to be successful.”

The Oregon Employment Department and WorkSource Oregon are proud to partner with businesses and employers across the state in finding qualified employees. If you are interested in collaborating on a hiring event or learning more about our resources for employers, please contact EmployerServices@oregon.gov.

Event Information

Date: Monday, March 30, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: WorkSource Oregon – Beaverton/Hillsboro, Room 108
241 SW Edgeway Drive, Beaverton, OR 97006

Email: Jeffrey.J.Janssen@employ.oregon.gov

Website: www.worksourceoregon.org/events/2026-03-30/energy-conservation-and-weatherization-training-program/

About Workforce Operations and WorkSource Oregon

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