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SUBJECT: Pierce County Workforce Development Strategic Direction and Alignment
DATE: February 12, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The ability to develop and sustain an appropriately trained, capable and available workforce is key to the economic vitality of the city, its residents and current and future businesses. The current ecosystem of workforce development includes multiple entities and the purposeful coordination of these organizations and programs is essential to the success of the network of providers.

BACKGROUND:

Council Resolution No. 39492 dated July 12, 2016 reaffirmed the City's commitment to developing a trained and capable workforce. The City provides financial and technical assistance to organizations that play a role in the recruitment, training, placement and financial empowerment of Tacoma residents into both training programs and employment through such programs as the Local Employment Apprenticeship Program (LEAP), and the Tacoma Training and Education Program (TTEP) which funds programs such as the Trade Occupations Opportunity Learning Center, a construction pre-apprenticeship program (TOOL Center).

ISSUE:

Over the past several years there have a number of systems-development initiatives to create a comprehensive and inclusive integrated service delivery model to better serve Tacoma residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no recommendation.