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OEC annual state conference attracts record crowd to Portland

Oregon Employer Council's annual state conference for business drew a record crowd of more than 230 employers, workforce professionals and business leaders to downtown Portland for a two-day educational event.

Event highlights included Tuesday's leadership panel with



Oregon Employment Department director Laurie Warner, Business Oregon director Tim McCabe, US Department of Labor's Rosemary Cowan, and Commissioner Brad Avakian from Bureau of Labor & Industries. Attendees had the opportunity to directly engage with these state and federal leaders, asking questions that ranged from dealing with issues of (un)employment for returning veterans to how Oregon's leadership will continue to address high unemployment rates.



The first day's agenda kicked off the conference with breakouts on ADA and FMLA updates, sexual harassment, and generational issues. From lunch to breakout sessions, every room was filled to capacity. On Monday evening attendees enjoyed a banquet and had a good laugh with entertainment provided by corporate comedian Dave Anderson. The event closed with a drug-free workplace panel that brought together HR leaders to discuss the obstacles and successes of drug-free initiatives within their own workplaces.

Upcoming Events & Seminars

May 18 – Klamath-Lake Employer Council presents *Teams that work: Making sure your team is functional, motivated & communicating well.* Call 541-850-4551

May 18 – Albany BOLI seminar, the legalities of doing business in a bad economy.
Greg.E.lvers@state.or.us

May 18 – Central Oregon Employer Council presents *Employment Beyond the Recession.* Contact denise.a.pollock@state.or.us

May 19 – Special time and location. Tualatin Valley OEC presents *Navigating the New Normal*, call 503 612-4219.

June 3 – 13th Annual Oregon Employer Council Speaker Showcase Call 503 947-1305
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Oct 11-13 – Annual OEC board retreat and coordinator training at Running Y, Klamath Falls. Contact marney.rodick@state.or.us

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Would you like to submit a piece to the OEC newsletter?

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2010 Oregon Employer Council Awards and Recognition



Craig Spivey's award recognizes his continued and frequent contributions to the Oregon Employer Council. Craig provides technical and PR-related guidance to OEC and can always be counted on for a great attitude.

President's Recognition



Mattison Schilling, an employment representative at Blount International, showed exceptional accomplishment in her pre-conference work as the 2010 OEC annual conference chair. She worked with coordinators, employers, and volunteers to organize the annual event. She also worked actively in promoting the event and making it a success.

Exceptional Accomplishment



Patricia Barclay has worked with OED for 18 years and with OEC for seven years. She is called the "backbone" of Douglas County Employer Council. DCEC local members say that, "Patricia doesn't just do her job – she embraces it with passion, dedication, and perseverance... Without her out-of-the-box thinking, we could not bring such talent and knowledge to our Douglas County businesses."

Outstanding Local Coordinator



Despite being the youngest council in the state, Clackamas County Employer Council stepped up to chair this year's conference. In 2009, CCEC donated to local charities, collected pet products for homeless pets, and organized seminars and training to support Clackamas employers.

Outstanding Local Council



In 2009 Grant Axtell travelled more than 3,300 miles to provide training for OEC chapters and for the annual state conference, all at no charge. Grant's willingness to prepare, travel, and train OEC groups throughout the state epitomizes the support and contribution that the Oregon Employment Department offers to the 33-year old nonprofit and its local chapters.

Distinguished Service

Congratulations to the nominees for this year's awards

Outstanding Local Coordinator

Mary Nelson, Oregon City

Julie Matthews, Klamath Falls

Outstanding Local Council

Josephine County Employer Council

Jackson County Employer Council



Employer Spotlight



Barrett Business Services, Inc.

About BBSI: Barrett Business Services, Inc., is a full-service human resources management company that provides a unique blend of outsourced staffing services and professional employer services. From hiring, recruiting, and payroll, to providing employee benefits and insurance, BBSI functions as a complete HR department for businesses. The billion-dollar company works with every size businesses from the Oregon University System to smaller-size companies.

BBSI and OEC: With over a decade of membership in OEC, Barrett Business Services, Inc. is a testament to the benefits OEC brings to businesses and to the employer-state relationship that OEC helps foster. "As an HR company we work with hundreds of businesses across the nation and we have the opportunity through OEC to have conversation, dialogue, and involvement with the Oregon Employment Department," said Dianna Howell, branch manager for BBSI Albany. "We also have the opportunity to give input, to hear what's being proposed, and learn what challenges are facing employers. We hear economic and legislative updates and that information becomes very, very valuable. We act as a resource for so many employers because we are able to pass on that information."

Why Join OEC? "Well," Dianna says, "you're already paying for it. You already have an investment in it simply by being an employer. It is a lost opportunity if you don't take advantage of it."



Pictured left is Dianna Howell with attendees Richard Fung (center) and David Barker (right) at the OEC 2010 conference. Barrett Business Services, Inc., a long-time OEC member, was title sponsor of the trade show and exhibited at the conference.

Mark your calendar
OEC Annual
State Conference
April 4-6, 2011
At Salishan Spa &
Golf Resort
Gleneden Beach, Oregon





Oregon Employer Council
13th Annual Speaker Showcase

Thursday, June 3, 2010
Holiday Inn Wilsonville
 7:30 a.m. until Noon

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 Wilsonville, Oregon

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