

# Gorge Tech Alliance Newsletter

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## About the GTA



The GTA supports, connects and develops the technology community of the Columbia River Gorge.

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## Seeking Interest in ISO 9001 / AS9100 Assistance

The GTA is tentatively exploring a consortium approach to assist businesses in implementing ISO 9001 / AS9100 Quality Management Systems. Please [let us know](#) if your company would be interested!

## GTA Member News: Partners Invited to Participate in Update of Regional Economic Development Strategy

GTA Sponsor and close partner Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) welcomes everyone to participate in the five-year update of the Regional Economic Development Strategy for the Columbia River Gorge. The series of six monthly sessions begins in September to create economic development strategies to sustain the region's economy, reduce unemployment and create family wage jobs.

Join MCEDD and partners on Thursday, Sept 15 at the Cascade Locks Pavilion for networking and coffee at 8:30 a.m. and a session from 9am to 11:30pm on regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A community tour immediately follows each meeting. [RSVP requested](#). To learn more about the update or to see the full meeting schedule, visit [mcedd.org/CEDS.htm](http://mcedd.org/CEDS.htm).

## GTA Member News: Clark College Announces October 3 Ribbon Cutting on new STEM Building

Over the last few months, GTA Sponsor Clark College has been busy putting the [finishing touches on their new STEM Building](#) on their Vancouver campus. At 70,000 square feet, it is the largest building on Clark's main campus. The \$40 million facility features fixed laboratories and classrooms as well as adaptable spaces with folding partitions.

Everyone is invited to join Clark College President Robert K. Knight and the Board of Trustees at the official ribbon cutting celebration on October 3 at 3pm. Contact [Francois Wevers](#), Director of Economic and Community Partnerships, for more information.

## Job Openings with GTA Members

- [4-Tell Inc.](#) is seeking a Business Development Leader, Director of Customer Success, Marketing Analyst and Account Executive.
- [Cloud Cap's](#) many openings include HR Generalist, Business Development, Manufacturing and Software Engineers, Engineering Manager, among others.



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- [Custom Interface](#) has openings for a Purchasing Clerk and Electronics Assembly Specialist.
- [Google The Dalles](#) is seeking Data Center Facilities Techs.
- [Gorge.net](#) is seeking a Network Engineer.
- [Innovative Composite Engineering](#) is seeking Composite Techs.
- Some of [Insitu's](#) many openings include Program Manager for International Programs, Engineering Managers, Materials Handlers, HR Recruiter and Internships, among others.
- [Port of Skamania](#) is seeking a Finance Manager.
- [Sagotech](#) is seeking a Sales Manager, Facilities Tech and Housekeeper.
- [Seeq](#) has openings for an Analytics Engineer, Back End/ Full Stack Engineer, Software Engineer and Sales Executive.
- Zepher is seeking an [Accounting Manager](#) and a [Director of Manufacturing Operations](#).

### GTA Events in September

#### Sept 20: Geek Lunch with Gorge Inventors

The GTA invites our local inventors to come share at our Sept 20 Geek Lunch. Our locals have some fascinating inventions and will be given a chance to share around the table with other like-minded geeks. Have you invented something that led to a product you worked on for some part of your career? [Give us a heads up](#) if you'd like to share what you were working on, the invention and the product that resulted. Everyone is welcome to come listen or join in. Noon at China Gorge. No-host lunch. Free to attend.

#### Rescheduled! Sept 23: CEO Excellence Forum with David Windsor.

The GTA's CEO Excellence Forum is an opportunity to support our business leaders as they learn best practices from each other. Speaker David Windsor, Plant Manager of Cardinal IG in Odell, will share lessons learned over his 30 years of management experience. He moved to the Gorge in 2003 to manage the opening of the Cardinal IG plant and has been at the helm as they've grown to over 300 employees. David will focus on culture, excellence, and who we are as leaders in creating excellence. He will also share his Leadership Profile (personal document for people who report to him), the benefits of developing a Leadership Profile and offer methods for developing your own. Noon at Bette's Place in Hood River. [RSVP required; attendees must be CEOs or upper level management](#)

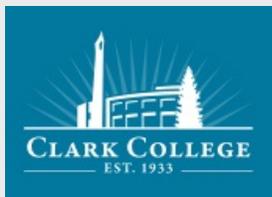
***Please note! We have a few other events in September - like our invite-only Sponsor Appreciation Event on Sept 14th for our CEOs - so will not be holding a Featured Event this month.***

### Leadership Series Starts in October at CGCC

In October, Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) is launching a series on Leadership Skills for the High Performance Workplace, with Marge and Mike Cieri of Mardac Consultants.



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This high-level, upbeat seminar series targets organizations who want to compete more effectively by increasing employee involvement. It is designed to give participants the technical skills necessary to turn them into exceptional performance managers and supervisors.

Workshops meet monthly in Hood River from October to June on the third Thursdays from 1-5 p.m. and cover:

- Moving from Peer to Supervisor
- Emotional Intelligence
- Hiring Right the First Time
- Holding Yourself and Others Accountable
- Coaching for Great Results
- Building Engagement and Motivation
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Problem Solving and Critical Thinking
- Team Building for Greater Performance

Tuition for the entire series is \$750, or \$99 per class. Preregistration is required by calling the college at 541-506-6011. View a [summary of the classes here](#) or [full descriptions here](#).

### Classes Offered by GTA Member Catalyst Performance Consulting

GTA Member Catalyst Performance Consulting is offering several upcoming events:

- Sept 28: "Managing Organizational Change" noon webinar held with Gorge Innoventure. \$10. [Learn more or register here.](#)
- Oct 20: "Team Goal Setting - Should You Do It and How?" noon webinar held with Oregon Entrepreneurs' Network. \$20. [Learn more or register here.](#)
- Nov 15: "Communicate with Confidence" class. Participants will learn some of the Psychology behind communication and will walk away with tips for improving their communication skills with customers, employees and business partners. 9am - noon in Hood River. \$90. [Register here.](#)

### Lean Enterprise Certificate Program Offered in Vancouver

Impact Washington is offering a Lean Enterprise Certificate Program in Vancouver, WA starting September 8. The Lean Enterprise Certificate Program arms participants with demonstrated understanding of the Lean Body of Knowledge, and provides them hands on practice applying Lean tools and strategies. The program provides 7 days of instruction (each day spaced two weeks apart) including the SME exam day. The cost is \$1995 per participant inclusive of texts, manuals, and SME Bronze exam. [Learn more or register here.](#)

### Washington Looks to Future of UAS Industry in State, Sept 19 Event in Seattle

The Washington State Department of Commerce and K&L Gates



are hosting a half-day discussion in Seattle about the outlook for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

The new FAA rules for commercial operations open up a wide variety of opportunities across business sectors, and will accelerate the growth of this emerging industry. Brian Bonlender, Director of the Washington Department of Commerce, will highlight UAS research and entrepreneurial activity in the state, and discuss the potential for future expansion.

Other speakers will provide insight into the evolving policy environment, including perspectives from users and developers of UAS technology. They will also examine the transformative potential of UAS for research purposes, and provide an overview of insurance and security challenges that currently face the UAS industry. [Learn more or register here.](#)

### Industrial/ Mechanical Training Systems Demo at CGCC

Festo Didactic will be on campus at CGCC on Sept 20 and 21 to demo and train on their equipment for Electromechanical Systems, Industrial Controls, Fluid Power, Instrumentation and Process Control, CIROS Simulation Software, and MPS Modular Production System (i.e. Mechatronics and Factory Automation). [Details here.](#)

### Toyota Kata Workshop in Bingen, Sept 29 & 30

Impact Washington is offering a two-day Toyota Kata Workshop at Custom Interface in Bingen on Sept 29 and 30. Participants will become acquainted with Toyota Kata and put its discipline into action in this two day practitioner-focused workshop.

A kata is a pattern you practice to learn a skill and mindset. With Toyota Kata, Mike Rother, the Shingo Prize winning author of Learning to See has advanced the practice of lean, providing a systematic, scientific routine that can be applied to any goal. It has inspired a community of practitioners who are building a sustainable lean culture. Attendees should have read or heard of Toyota Kata and want to learn more from an experienced coach and practitioner. Cost is \$595. [Learn more or register here.](#)

### "Recruiting and Retaining Talent" Workshop for Manufacturers, Sept 29

Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP) is hosting a workshop on Sept 29, 8:30 am to 11:30 am in Portland for manufacturers only on **"Talent Engine: The Secret to Recruiting and Retaining the Best of the Best."** With a shrinking talent pool and mounting industry recruitment challenges, the need for right-fit employees has become more important than ever. How can your manufacturing company compete for skilled talent to grow and maintain a healthy workforce? Join Kinesis CEO Shawn Busse as he uncovers recruitment's best-kept secret, including a real-world success story. [Learn more ore register here.](#)

### Find Your Next Employee at Oregon Tech's Career Fair, Oct 20

Interested in hiring new college grad talent with degrees in Engineering and Engineering Technology (Mechanical,



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Manufacturing, Software, Electrical, Renewable Energy), plus highly skilled IT grads with hands-on experience in networking, programming and database management? Oregon Tech is hosting a career fair on October 20 on its Wilsonville campus where you can connect in person to snag interns and full time employees. Find out more or **register your business by Sept 20** at <http://www.oit.edu/career-services/employers>

## Events Calendar

Great events in and out of the Gorge of interest to our tech community:

### September

- Sept 8-9: [Oregon BEST Fest](#), Cleantech Innovation Conference in Portland.
- Sept 10-11: [Portland Mini Maker Faire at OMSI](#).
- **Sept 14: GTA Sponsor Appreciation Event, invite only to our sponsor CEOs. RSVP required to [Jessica](#).**
- Sept 19: [UAS in Washington State event](#) in Seattle, see above.
- **Sept 20: GTA Geek Lunch, noon at China Gorge, see above.**
- **Sept 23: GTA CEO Excellence Forum, noon at Bette's Place, see above.**
- Sept 23: [Portland Creative Conference](#), an exploration and celebration of the creative process across various creative industries, including tech. **Use the promo code GTA to get 20% off registration!**
- Sept 28: [Gorge Innoventure Brown Bag](#): Managing Organizational Change. Noon in Hood River.
- Sept 29: [OMEP Recruiting and Retaining Talent workshop](#) in Portland, see above.
- Sept 29: [Export Strategies, Tools and Techniques](#), one-day workshop in Portland.
- Sept 29-30: [Toyota Kata workshop](#) in Bingen, see above.

### October

- Oct 3: Clark College STEM Building Ribbon Cutting, 3pm, see above.
- Oct 4: [Oregon Aviation Industries Annual Summit](#), 11am to 6pm, Aurora State Airport.
- Oct 17-19: [Pacific Northwest Software Quality Conference](#) in Portland.
- Oct 19-21: [AUVSI Cascade Chapter Fall Conference](#) in Portland. Includes STEM Benefit Dinner, Conference and workshops on drone startup or mapping with drones.
- Oct 20: [Oregon Tech Career Fair - Sept 20 deadline to register!](#) - see above.
- Oct 20: "[Team Goal Setting - Should You Do It and How?](#)" noon webinar with OEN.
- Oct 20-21: [Oregon Connections: Generation Mobility Conference](#) in Hood River.



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