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Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month. **Please share with your network!**

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WTV Trucker Coop Hires Administrator



The [Western Treasure Valley Truckers Cooperative](#) passed a significant milestone by hiring **Jack Howard** to be administrator for the freight co-op. The Ontario, Oregon based co-op seeks to create a freight brokerage and full service fueling and maintenance depot.

Jack has a JD from Seattle University and a Masters in Administrative Justice. He has a long resume of teaching including his specialty of business writing. Jack also serves as an elected member of the Union County Board of Commissioners. Support for this position comes from **Eualcree** and the **Rural Oregon Initiative**.

We expect to be working closely with Jack and the board of WTVTC as they seek to become operational over the next 6 months and kick their membership drive into high gear.

NWCDC Set to Launch Legacy Project



The **USDA Rural Development** program awarded three Rural Business Development Grants to NWDC to fund its **Legacy Project** in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon.

The Legacy Project seeks to build awareness of worker co-ops as an option for business succession planning by educating trusted business advisers in rural communities. When a rural business owner decides to retire, there may not be a willing purchaser for the business or a family member interested in continuing the operations. Selling to workers keeps the business operating along with the jobs and economic benefits that a local business brings to a small town.

NWCDC will be officially launching the project to coincide with Labor Day (Sept. 3) so watch for

4th Caregiver Co-op in Washington Incorporates

Washington caregivers have quickly become a leader in the national co-op community. With the addition of Peninsular Homecare and Capital Homecare, Washington provides a model for small co-op development based on the state's unique market and regulatory environment. With assistance from NWCDC staffer Deborah Craig, caregivers in Skagit County have incorporated **Heartsong Homecare Cooperative** with a 5 member steering committee. HHC expects to submit their license application soon and have begun seeking start-up capital. This will be the 4th Homecare Co-op to incorporate in Washington since Circle of Life began operations in 2009.

Two more co-ops along the I-5 Corridor are in the works: King County based group will be having their first outreach meeting on September 1st and Island Home Care Co-op in Islands County have also begun organizing.

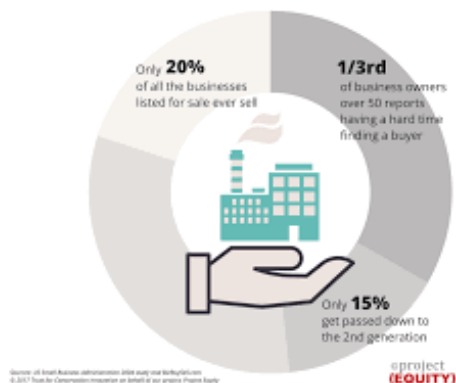
Main Street Employee Ownership Act Becomes Law

The Main Street Employee Ownership Act became law on August 13, 2018. This landmark legislation provides new direction to the Small Business Administration to assist worker cooperatives and employee stock ownership programs (ESOPs).

The provides four key provisions:

- Support the transition to worker ownership by financing transition costs, waiving equity requirements, and allowing seller to remain with new company.
- Make SBA Loans more accessible to cooperatives.
- Promote employee ownership and cooperatives and create interagency working group to assist with employee ownership transitions.
- Improve current SBA Lending programs.

This development will create new opportunities for worker co-ops throughout the nation, but will also help NWCDC's Legacy Project gain initial momentum over the coming year.



ROC USA Adopts 3 Year Strategic Plan



The newest Strategic Plan for ROC USA is now available online. Over the next three years, ROC USA seeks to continue the pattern of tremendous growth for ROCs, Network affiliates, and ROC USA. This includes supporting ROC Leaders to build and drive the national resident-ownership movement. Their voices and experiences are vital for sustainable growth in the network. Read more about the plan [here](#).

As an affiliate of ROC USA, NWCDC is excited and inspired to tackle this next set of goals, especially raising up resident's voices and experiences in resident-ownership in order to create a healthy, growing network. [Read more here](#).

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