



Dennis Cole Appointed President of the Private Industry Council

Dennis Cole, currently the president of the Portland Private Industry Council, has been appointed president of The Private Industry Council effective July 1, 1987 when this new organization officially begins operation. Mr. Cole has also been appointed executive director of the Multnomah-Washington Private Industry Council until the end of June when that organization becomes part of The Private Industry Council.

Beginning July 1, 1987, the Multnomah-Washington and Portland Private Industry Councils will consolidate into one service delivery area. They will then serve Multnomah and Washington Counties and the City of Portland. Mr. Cole was instrumental in this process which began over two years ago. The consolidated organization will be able to better serve the needs of local businesses and the unemployed within the community.

Mr. Cole has been involved in employment and training management since 1978. He was most recently the director of Clark County's employment and training program, before joining the Portland Private Industry Council as president in 1984.

Mr. Cole has an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Willamette University and a masters of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School. Mr. Cole was employed as a minister at the First Christian Church in Vancouver, Washington until 1978.

Mr. Cole was elected to Vancouver's school board in 1981 and is currently serving his second term in that position. Mr. Cole has also served two terms on the Board of Directors for the Housing Authority of Vancouver.

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The Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) was created in 1978 when a 1977 act transferred the Federal mine-safety program from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Labor. MSHA is headed by an assistant secretary of labor, who administers a broad regulatory program to reduce injuries and illnesses in mining.

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The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) establishes minimum wages, overtime pay, recordkeeping and child labor standards which affect some 63 million employees of state and local governments, and 2.3 million federal government employees. The act is enforced by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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The Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) helps to reduce deaths, injuries and illnesses in the nation's mines with a variety of activities and programs. The agency works cooperatively with industry, labor, other federal and state agencies and others toward improving safety and health conditions for all miners.

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The Federal Employee Compensation Act (FECA) provides compensation benefits to civilian employees of the United States for disability due to personal injury sustained while in the performance of duty, and provides compensation for employment-related disease. The act is administered by the Labor Department's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.