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BBB will be promoting National Cyber Security Awareness during the month of October. Visit bbb.org for more consumer tips.

OLCC Recruiting for 17 New Retail Liquor Locations

OLCC Commissioners embark on a market-driven approach to add up to 17 new liquor outlets in the Portland metro area. This is the largest liquor outlet expansion since Prohibition. The Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission directed staff to begin work on a market-driven open recruitment process for appointing liquor store contracts that could result in an addi-

Portland metro area (Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties). Currently, there are only 68 stores in the metro area, resulting in a ratio of 1 outlet per 26,000 customers.

The Commission will begin holding applicant informational meetings and accepting applications in mid-October. "Oregonians have grown more sophisticated and have greater demand for modern, consumer-friendly shopping and higher levels of convenience than ever before," said OLCC Chair, Rob Patridge.

Distilled spirits sales in Oregon are higher than ever, generating more than \$1 billion

underserved areas, allowing for population growth. The Commission will only add outlets based on the quality of the proposals and demonstrated market opportunity.

Three Oregon Businesses Receive BBB'S Top Honor

Better Business Bureau serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington recognized three local businesses at the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber Spotlight On Business Awards event Wednesday for exemplifying BBB's commitment to excellence and trust in the marketplace.

- 2015 Oregon Large Business of the Year: Vacasa
- 2015 Oregon Medium Business of the Year: John's Waterproofing Company
- 2015 Oregon Small Business of the Year: Cauble & Cauble, LLP

All three businesses earned the Torch Award for meeting BBB's Standards of Trust and for its dedication in honoring employees, clients and the community.

BBB Torch Award recipients are selected by volunteer judges from third-party community organizations. This year's judges included representatives from the Vancouver, West Columbia Gorge and Hillsboro chambers of commerce.

Learn more about BBB's Business of the Year Awards at bbb.org and visit BBB's Facebook page to see pictures and highlights of the event.

Vancouver Chamber Receives Advocate Award

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (GVCC) is one of three Chambers statewide to receive the Association for Washington Business (AWB) "Advocate of the Year" award. This is the inaugural year for this award program, presented by the AWB. This award is given in recognized for the GVCC's advocacy work at the state and local level on the bipartisan, statewide transportation funding and reform package signed into law earlier this year. It is the first transportation investment package passed in a decade.

The AWB Stated: Kelly Love, the pres-

ident and CEO of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce is proof that even chambers with a small staff can take on big tasks. Love traveled to Olympia to testify on behalf of her members to encourage lawmakers to support long-overdue transportation funding and reform package, making a strong case for how improving roadways is a building block to a strong economy.

CCC Hosts Fall Job Fair

Clackamas Community College, in partnership with WorkSource Clackamas, will host a Fall Job Fair Thursday, Oct. 8. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum, and local employers will be on site hiring for open positions.

More than 30 local employers are participating in the Fall Job Fair including: Dave's Killer Bread, Helping Hands Home Care, FedEx Ground, Marquis Companies, UPS, Mt. Hood Skibowl, Portland Police Bureau, Washington State Patrol, Mirabella Portland, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Albertina Kerr, Braun Construction & Design LLC. The industries represented at this event include:

- Health care (CNA, care giving, nursing, medical assisting and more)
- Manufacturing and production
- Law enforcement
- Logistics and transportation
- Construction (heavy equipment, laborer, CDL truck drivers)
- Parks, recreation and leisure
- Warehouse, shipping and receiving
- Maintenance and repair
- Administrative and office
- Education
- Human Services
- Retail
- Agriculture and landscape
- Customer service

The Fall Job Fair is free to attend and open to the public. Participants may stop by the event anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, including the full list of employers participating, and to pre-register to attend the event, please visit www.clackamas.edu/careerfair.

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tional 17 liquor stores in the Portland metro area. The open recruitment process is an effort to improve customer convenience by expanding liquor sales in underserved areas with a measured, but consistent amount of growth.

About 30 years ago, Oregon had one liquor store for every 12,000 Oregonians. Today, there are 248 liquor stores statewide, but with the rise in population, the current ratio is 1 liquor store for every 16,000 customers. The greatest disparity exists in the

in gross revenue for the 2013-2015 biennium. This is about \$90 million (8 percent) more than the previous biennium (2011-2013). Driving factors in the increase can be attributed to customers purchasing more expensive products, Oregon's population growth, and a healthy local distilling industry.

The open recruitment process may add up to 17 liquor outlets in the Portland metro area at one time, leading to increased customer convenience and has the potential to increase state revenue as stores are sited in



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