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LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE INNOVATION TRAINING FUNDS

Eugene, Oregon, December 4, 2014– The Lane Workforce Partnership and Lane County’s Community and Economic Development Department awarded two local businesses with funds totaling \$76,720 to upgrade the skills of their employees. They were:

- **Emerald Valley High Performance Enterprise Consortium, Inc. - \$36,720**
Emerald Valley High Performance Enterprise Consortium, Inc. is incorporated as a local non-profit learning network where businesses share and apply best practices in Lean and High Performance. The Consortium will use the funds to train 180 people and award 60 Lean and High Performance intermediate and advance certificates.
- **Fertilab Thinkubator - \$40,000**
Fertilab Thinkubator is a hands-on, participation driven new technology startup company accelerator program. Fertilab Thinkubator will train 28 people and award 28 Essential Entrepreneurial Survival Skills Certificates.

The funds were awarded by the Lane Workforce Partnership’s System Innovation Committee through the Governor’s Sector Strategies Funds and Lane County’s Video Lottery dollars. The purpose of the funds is to grow and retain innovative talent in Lane County and to align with the area’s Regional Prosperity Plan.

For more information about these awards and on future funding opportunities, please contact Sue Thompson at (541) 255-8116.

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