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US CHAMBER AWARDS TRI-CITY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITH 4-STAR ACCREDITATION

TRI-CITIES, Wash., – The United States Chamber of Commerce recently awarded the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce with 4-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

This prestigious honor puts the Regional Chamber among the top 3 percent of chambers nationwide. The Regional Chamber is now the only Accredited chamber of commerce in Washington.

“Across this great country, chambers of commerce are working hard to create and expand business opportunities in their communities.” said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, U.S. Chamber vice president of Federation Relations and Institute for Organization Management. “Chambers who earn the Accreditation designation are leading these efforts through their commitment to continuous organizational and programmatic excellence, and a track record of achieving measurable results for their members.”

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. In order to receive Accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 6-9 months to complete.

Local chambers are rated Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars. State chambers are recognized as either Accredited State Chamber or Accredited State Chamber with Distinction. The final determination is made by the Accrediting Board, a committee of U.S. Chamber board members.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce is the catalyst, convener and champion for community and business prosperity. For further details about the Regional Chamber, visit www.tricityregionalchamber.com or call 509.736.0510.

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