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U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS TRI-CITY REGIONAL CHAMBER WITH 5-STAR ACCREDITATION

TRI-CITIES, Wash. – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce (TCRCC) with its designation of Accredited with 5 Stars for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

“Chambers of commerce that achieve an accreditation designation are truly leaders in their industry,” said Raymond P. Towle, U.S. Chamber Vice President, Federation Relations and IOM. “This rigorous review includes all aspects of a chamber’s policies, operations, and programming. When chambers of commerce earn the distinction of becoming accredited, it is a mark of excellence for the organization, its staff, and its leadership. Accredited chambers are recognized for their ability to serve as a resource to their region’s businesses while maintaining transparent governance practices, sound financial controls, safe work environments, effective communications, and value in programming. They are commended for their continued advocacy of free enterprise, and for their commitment to serving members and their local businesses.”

The purpose of the U.S. Chamber's Accreditation Program is to facilitate continuing excellence in the chamber industry and to foster a pro-business environment across America. In order to receive accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, communications, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 6-9 months to complete.

“Achieving the prestigious 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is a tremendous honor for our organization and a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Chamber staff and Board of Directors,” said Lori Mattson, TCRCC President & CEO. “This recognition underscores our dedication to fostering a thriving business environment, supporting our community, and upholding the highest standards of excellence in everything we do. We look forward to continuing our mission to drive

economic growth and advocate for the success of our local businesses with the same passion and integrity that earned us this distinction.”

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 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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