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AREA BUSINESSES TO MEET BUYERS FROM LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

TRI-CITIES, Wash. – The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce and Washington APEX Accelerator invite businesspeople to meet representatives from local transit systems at a free workshop on November 14.

Local transit systems purchase thousands of dollars' worth of products and services from area businesses each year. Attendees will gain exclusive insights, learn best practices, and will participate in panel discussions with purchasing managers from Ben Franklin Transit and Walla Walla Transit. This event will provide valuable information on becoming a qualified vendor, avoiding common pitfalls, and leveraging small business programs like DBE and MWBE.

The *Meet the Buyer – Doing Business with the Local Transit Systems* event will be held on Thursday, November 14 in the Bechtel Board Room inside the Tri-Cities Business & Visitor Center at 7130 W. Grandridge Blvd. in Kennewick. The workshop is scheduled from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The workshop is free to attend, but attendees are required to RSVP online at washingtonapex.ecenterdirect.com/events, as space is limited.

For questions, please contact Maria Alleman, Washington APEX Accelerator Counselor, at 509.491.3231 or maria.alleman@tricityregionalchamber.com.

The *Meet the Buyer* program is sponsored by Washington River Protection Solutions and presented by Washington APEX Accelerator and the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Washington APEX Accelerator advises businesses on how to win government contracts and subcontracts. The one-on-one technical assistance includes bid reviews, marketing assistance, contract performance, small business certifications, and more. APEX Accelerators also host procurement training classes and seminars, and help businesses register with the correct databases in order to compete for government contracts. For more information, visit washingtonapex.org.

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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