

WELCOMING REMARKS, BOB MONTGOMERY
"PARTNERSHIP '83" CONFERENCE
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1983 7:00 p.m.

On behalf of Governor Atiyeh, I am very pleased to welcome all of you to this very important Conference.

Rapid implementation of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 is a top priority of the Governor. He regards this Conference as an example of the key steps Oregon is taking that have moved us further and faster than many other states in our drive to implement JTPA.

Here, Private Industry Council members will have a unique opportunity to review JTPA, discuss their concerns, and move forward productively toward the approaching day when implementation begins.

The Governor knows that the level and quality of citizen and private sector participation will in large part determine the success of our efforts in Oregon.

That is because the JTPA program involves the state and private sectors more closely than ever before.

The focus of the program is to prepare the unemployed and disadvantaged for training and placement in jobs throughout the state. As our economy slowly recovers, the priorities set by each one of you will be vital in determining just how the public and private sectors coordinate programs, pool training resources, and prepare

our work force for the kinds of jobs that will be available in a diversified Oregon economy.

The Governor looks at JTPA as a key opportunity to build on the success Oregon has already experienced in placement through state training programs.

The partnerships formed in Oregon through JTPA will include participation by state government, local government, community colleges, economic development groups, and --- most importantly --- private industry. The priorities you set will be critical in getting this program off the ground. JTPA itself is based on the idea that the private sector is willing and able to assist us in developing job training programs that will meet the hiring needs of private industry.

Your efforts here and in the future will prove that this is so.

Some \$30 million in program funds for JTPA will be coming into Oregon beginning next October. The Governor trusts that with your efforts Oregon will be uniquely positioned to make immediate use of those funds.

Governor Atiyeh has always looked upon our state's tradition of citizen involvement as a very special part of the Oregon story. Citizen involvement, volunteerism, and partnership between government and the people are traditions on which the Governor has built many of the major accomplishments of his administration.

It is in that spirit that he extends his heartiest welcome to each of you at this conference. ~~Here, you will have the opportunity to listen, exchange ideas, and~~

Because the accomplishments and reputation of Oregon state government will always continue to rest on the collective efforts of citizens like you: people of good conscience working together in partnership to keep Oregon the beautiful, progressive state that it is.

Thank you very much, and best regards to all of you.

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