

## **Workforce Development Council Names New Head**

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ELMA, Wash. - Cheryl B. Fambles, currently the executive director of the Washington Workforce Association, a professional association of the 12 Workforce Development Directors in Washington State, has been named the new chief executive officer for the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, headquartered at the Satsop Business Park in Elma. Fambles will begin her new post June 1, filling the shoes of Mike Kennedy, who will retire June 30 after 26 years with the organization. Cheryl has an outstanding record of public service, she is an excellent communicator, collaborator, and facilitator. Cheryl will bring a passion and vision to the evolving work of the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council. - Mike Boyle, Sr., chairman of the Council In 2007-2010 Fambles was director of the federal Workforce Innovation and Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant, administered by Pacific Mountain. Her background includes senior management positions in local governments including Thurston County, the City of Issaquah, King County and the Skokomish Tribal Nation. She worked in higher education at The Evergreen State College and South Puget Sound Community College. She has also served as a private organizational consultant on multiple projects around the region.

Fambles has a master's degree in public administration from City University of New York, where she was a National Urban Fellow. She is also a graduate of the Senior Executives in Government Program, Harvard University &ndash; JFK School of Public Service, and received her undergraduate degree from The Evergreen State College. A graduate of Yelm High School, Fambles lives in Olympia with her husband. Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council is a Washington state public nonprofit organization that administers and oversees the federal workforce programs throughout the five-county region of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties, in partnership with the chief elected officials of the five-county region. The organization develops public policy for workforce programs, operates employment and training programs, and collaborates with education, economic development organizations, community-based organizations, business leaders, and labor to build a competitive workforce.