

AGRICULTURE MECHANIC SURVEY



Background: Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA is currently in the process of developing a Farm Equipment and Industrial Technology Program. The Pacific Northwest Association is providing assistance and support in the development of the program. The purpose of the program will be to upgrade the technical competency and professional level of incoming farm and industrial equipment service technicians. It will train students to analytically diagnose, service and maintain industrial and farm products using recommended procedures, special tools and service information.

Please take a few moments to respond to the questions below. Your responses to the survey will assist us in the program approval process. This survey can also be completed online at www.columbiabasin.edu/agsurvey.

Dealership Name _____

Your Name _____ Position _____

Work Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

1) How many Agriculture Mechanics or Technicians do you employ?

2) Do you expect to hire a mechanic/technician within the next five years? yes no

If yes, how many do you expect to hire?

3) What is the salary range for the mechanics/technicians you employ?

From \$ _____/Hr for starting employees to \$ _____/Hr for senior, experienced employees

4) Approximately, what is the average age of your mechanics/technicians?

18-21 22-28 29-35 36-45 45+

5) Do you expect many of your mechanics/technicians to retire within the next five years? yes no

6) Should CBC explore offering short training sessions/workshops for existing agriculture mechanics or technicians? yes no

If yes, what training topics would benefit your mechanics/dealership? _____

7) Is your dealership interested in partnering with Columbia Basin College for development and implementation of the Agriculture Mechanic vocational training program? yes no

If yes, please indicate any areas of interest:

- Serve on the planning committee
- Serve on the advisory committee (no more than three meetings per year)
- Host a student visit to your business
- Provide input on training requirements
- Stay informed of progress in the program's development

THANK YOU!!!

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