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Washington Partnership Advances to Finals of \$5M Rapid Reskilling XPRIZE Competition

Spokane, Washington (February 28, 2022) – Today, team Dignified Work, a partnership between two Washington based organizations - Career Path Service and WholeStory advanced as finalists in the \$5M XPRIZE Rapid Reskilling competition. Sponsored by venture philanthropy organization New Profit, XPRIZE Rapid Reskilling aims to transform occupational skills training in the United States, bridging the divide between employer demand for talent and the jobseeker quest for meaningful work. See official XPRIZE announcement here:

<https://www.xprize.org/prizes/rapidreskilling>

In February of 2021, Team Dignified Work was selected as one of ten teams out of 118 applicants from around the world, and competed in the semi-finalist round throughout 2021, training and placing jobseekers with growing construction companies in Hampton Roads region of Virginia. During the finals, in 2022, the team will partner with leading employers to support thousands of under-resourced jobseekers across the Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho) to quickly gain essential skills, and get job-ready, to launch careers in construction, medical administration, or human and social services.

Dignified Work team leader, Andy Dwonch, said: “Our goal is to address the demand for talent at leading companies in these high growth industries by matching them with workers who have the basic training and motivation to stick and grow with their new employers. We also aim to expand job seeker access to what we describe as ‘dignified work’ – employment that offers living wages, benefits, and long-term career pathways for these folks who’ve struggled previously to establish themselves in a career of their choosing.”

To learn more, visit <https://dignifiedwork.org> or contact us via the details below.

Partner Info & Contacts:

Career Path Services is a non-profit workforce development and human services organization that aims to break the spirit of poverty through the dignity of work. We do this by empowering ALL people, enhancing an equitable workforce, and enriching diverse communities, wherever our teams serve. <https://careerpathservices.org>

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WholeStory is a social purpose technology platform that provides insights into diverse life experiences to power better hiring. The platform empowers job seekers to share pivotal life experiences that highlight their soft skills. Employers gain access to this previously unattainable data, enabling them to source and hire for the most critical skills. <https://wholestoryhq.com>

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