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## **Competitors needed for Seattle-area regional forklift competition**

TUMWATER – Professional forklift drivers in Western Washington are invited to compete Aug. 19 in a forklift rodeo at Boeing's Oxbow Facility in Duwamish. Those who place first, second and third will win prizes ranging from \$100 to \$300.

Employers are encouraged to sponsor in-house competitions and send their best drivers. Participation is limited to the first 30 drivers who register.

The top five individual qualifiers from each of three regional competitions – in Pasco, Spokane and King County – will compete in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Forklift Rodeo at the 55<sup>th</sup> Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference in Spokane on Sept. 27.

Competitors in Seattle test their abilities in a written exam, pre-use inspection of a forklift and an obstacle course. Entry fee is \$40. Applications are at [www.LNI.wa.gov/Safety/TrainTools/GovConf/Events/Forklift](http://www.LNI.wa.gov/Safety/TrainTools/GovConf/Events/Forklift) or by calling 360-902-5591 or 888451-2004 (TDD users: 360-902-5797). There is no admission charge for spectators.

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