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## **Competitors needed for Central Washington forklift rodeo**

TUMWATER – Professional forklift drivers in Central Washington are invited to compete June 3 in a forklift rodeo at TRAC facility in Pasco. 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 Sept. 27.

Competitors in Pasco test their abilities in a written exam, pre-use inspection of a forklift and an obstacle course. Applications are at [www.LNI.wa.gov/safety/traintools/GovConf](http://www.LNI.wa.gov/safety/traintools/GovConf) or by calling 360-902-5591 or 888-451-2004 (TDD users: 360-902-5797). Entry fee is \$40. There is no admission charge for spectators.

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