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Dr. Hamann,

It is my honor to inform you that you have been selected by City of Albany Mayor Sharon Konopa, Chair of Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' Board of Directors, to receive the first ever Chair's Award at our upcoming event, *Celebrate Linn Benton Lincoln (CelebrateLBL)*. The Chair's Award recognizes the recipient for outstanding service to our Region.

Mayor Konopa would like to specifically acknowledge your commitment to student success, as well as your drive for community engagement and leadership. As President of Linn-Benton Community College, you continuously prioritize the needs of students, focusing on accessibility, success, and program completion. What defines you as a community leader is your advocacy for education and community development. Throughout your career, you have consistently worked to reduce barriers and increase access to opportunities for individual and community growth, not just in the Region, but at the State and national levels, as well. For these reasons and more, Mayor Konopa would like to honor your exemplary service to our Region by presenting you with her Chair's Award.

It would be our privilege to have you attend *CelebrateLBL* so that we may present you with your award in-person. *CelebrateLBL* is a celebration of our three-County Region, and will include dinner, *Regional Awards*, a *State of the Region* update, and act as a fundraiser for our *Meals on Wheels* program. The event is taking place Thursday, November 2nd, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at CH2M Hill Alumni Center in Corvallis. More information about our event can be found at www.CelebrateLBL.org. To confirm your attendance, please contact Jennifer Kelley at 541-967-8720 or jkelly@ocwcog.org.

Thank you,

Fred Abousleman
Executive Director
Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments