

# Skookum and Skils'kin announce intent to merge to enhance job creation for people with disabilities



**Bremerton, WA and Spokane, WA** – Skookum and Skils'kin are excited to announce their intention to merge, effective July 1, 2024. This strategic move aims to unite the strengths and resources of both organizations, significantly enhancing their ability to create job opportunities for people with disabilities.

Jeff Dolven, Skookum CEO, stated, "This merger represents our shared commitment to maximizing our impact in the community. By combining our resources, we will address the evolving challenges in disability employment more effectively and ensure a more comprehensive delivery of our services while adhering to our core values and missions."

Skookum is a leader in the AbilityOne program, combining expertise in employing a diverse workforce with an immense focus on innovation, quality assurance, and customer service. This merger strengthens Skookum's workforce and broadens our geographic footprint. With Skils'kin's strong reputation in Spokane, Skookum aims to continue both companies' commitment to positively impacting the communities we serve.

"We are enthusiastic about the potential of this merger to drive positive change in Spokane and the other communities we serve," said Brian Behler, CEO of Skils'kin. Both CEOs affirmed their commitment to transparency throughout this process.

For further information or inquiries regarding the intended merger, please contact:

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## **About Skookum**

Skookum is a leader in facility management, logistics support, and manufacturing, providing customers with exceptional results while creating opportunities for people with disabilities and veterans. Skookum is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Bremerton, WA, with over 1,400 employees across 13 states, plus Washington D.C.

## **About Skils'kin**

Skils'kin creates employment opportunities for persons with disabilities through federal contracting, commercial contracts, supported employment programs, and a leader in transition services for students in their last year of high school. Skils'kin is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Spokane, WA, with additional operations in Cheyenne, WY and Great Falls, MT.

