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## **BIA Hires New Communications Manager & Membership Assistant**

**Vancouver, Wash** – (September 12, 2019) – The Building Industry Association of Clark County (BIA) has hired Andrea Smith as the new Communications & Education Program Manager and Justin Wood as the new Membership Assistant.

In the Communications Manager position, **Andrea Smith** will oversee the BIA’s marketing and communication efforts including the monthly newsletter, website, membership e-blasts & publications. As liaison to the media community she will prepare press releases and maintain outreach with local contacts. She will also serve as the staff contact for education, workforce development, the Green Building Council and Building Futures Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Prior to joining the BIA team, Andrea served as the Marketing & Government Relations Director for SWCA and has previously held internship positions with the City of Vancouver and the Washington State Legislature. Andrea is a graduate of Camas High School and earned both her Bachelor’s in Public Affairs and Master’s in Public Administration at Washington State University Vancouver.

Andrea is excited to learn more about residential construction and devote her time to promoting the companies that build the homes in which we all live. Working for the BIA of Clark County is especially exciting to Andrea because she has many family members that are, or have been, homebuilders. She’s excited to give back to the industry that helped support much of her family over the years.

In the Membership Assistant position, **Justin Wood** will oversee member records, program enrollment and support BIA events and communications.

Justin is a graduate of Camas High School and recently graduated with honors from Washington State University, with a Bachelor’s in Public Affairs. Working in both the private and public sectors, including a Washington State Legislature internship, fueled his passion for community involvement and service. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, he is an avid outdoorsman and is thrilled to have the privilege of supporting the Building Industry of Clark County.

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*The Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of all businesses involved with real estate, land development, homebuilding and construction.*