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### WDCSC opens WorkSource Aerospace Center in Lynnwood

**April 24, 2009 - Everett, WA**—Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC) and Edmonds Community College are pleased to announce the opening of the WorkSource Aerospace Center, a center targeted at assisting workers who are dislocated from jobs in the aerospace industry.

This Center, which will open to the public on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, is one of the first tangible results of federal ARRA stimulus money for workforce development in Snohomish County.

“We feel fortunate to be receiving federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds to assist workers who are dislocated from aerospace industry jobs,” explains Sue Ambler, CEO of WDCSC. “The Aerospace Center is a perfect example of community partnership and the leveraging of resources that will get ARRA dollars out the door to help our workforce immediately.”

The WorkSource Aerospace Center opening comes at a critical time when many aerospace workers are being dislocated from their jobs. Almost 35,000 people work in Snohomish County’s manufacturing cluster, of which the aerospace sector is a major portion. Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has long supported aerospace workers.

“While we’re working extremely hard to protect aerospace jobs in Snohomish County, the recent layoffs at Boeing mean there are out-of-work employees needing help to land new occupations,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “This center will ensure those men and women receive the training they deserve to start new careers.”

The Aerospace Center, located at 7020 196<sup>th</sup> Street in Lynnwood, is on the North Campus of Edmonds Community College, who has been awarded a contract with WDCSC to run the Center. Edmonds Community College offers a number of degree and certificate programs available for skills upgrades in aerospace manufacturing, including the Associate of Applied Science transfer degrees in Materials Science Technology and Aerospace Manufacturing.

“Edmonds Community College is thrilled to be able to assist our community in this way. It really is a perfect situation: the College has the expertise to run the site, and while many aerospace workers may be dislocated in the coming months, aerospace is still a growing industry, both locally and internationally,” notes Jerilee Mosier, Edmonds Community College Vice President for Workforce Development and Training. “This is a perfect time for workers to

receive skills upgrades in new technologies, helping them become more competitive on the job market.”

The WorkSource Aerospace Center is will serve both Snohomish County and North King County. Services available at the Center include: job search assistance, resume writing workshops, and skills upgrade and training opportunities.

**Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC)**

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