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### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act takes center stage at WDCSC annual meeting**

**April 21, 2009 - Marysville, WA**—Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC) is pleased to host its second Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am at the Tulalip Resort, located at 10200 Quil Ceda Boulevard in Marysville, Washington. Tickets will be available at the door for \$36 and include breakfast. Complimentary valet parking is available at the resort. Event sponsors include the Economic Development Council of Snohomish County, Everett Community College, and Providence Health System.

Robert Knight, Managing Director of the Arbor Workforce Institute, will keynote the event, presenting on the topic of *Economic and Workforce Development: Federal Policies on the Local Level*. Mr. Knight will focus his keynote on state and local impacts of federal policies with a focus on the current stimulus package, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Other speakers include Dale Peinecke, Chair of the WDCSC Board of Directors and President of Giddens Manufacturing; Sue Ambler, CEO of WDCSC, and Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. Mr. Peinecke will review the Board's new strategic plan, which runs from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014. Ms. Ambler will be present the Council's plans for strategic spending of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds to bolster workforce development in Snohomish County.

#### **Robert Knight**

At the Workforce Institute, Robert Knight provides legislative information, policy analysis, best practices, and learning opportunities for workforce professionals, educators, and members of state and local workforce policy boards. Knight served 22 years as President of the National Association of Workforce Boards. Under Knight's leadership, NAWB grew from a small organization with 45 members in 1981 to the preeminent workforce association in Washington, DC, representing some 580 of the nation's 650 state and local workforce boards. Knight also served as a Professional Staff Member with the United States Senate Subcommittee on Employment and Training, responsible for employment and training policy and legislation, including the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and the Private Sector Initiative Program, which established PICs, the precursors to today's workforce boards.

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

WDCSC invests government and private funding to continuously increase the global competitiveness and prosperity of county workforce and businesses, fill current and emerging jobs, and provide full employment. Investments are made through effective business, labor, community-based, educational, and service provider organizations for the opportunity, economic well-being, and benefit of our entire community.

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