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Microsoft training vouchers help workers increase tech skills

April 13, 2009 - Everett, WA –Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC) will receive 1,750 training vouchers as part of Microsoft’s new job training program, Elevate America. Vouchers will cover the cost of online technology courses and certification exams.

Training vouchers will be distributed through WorkSource Snohomish County to eligible Washington State residents. To learn more about the program, choose a learning plan, and register for a voucher, visit www.wdcsc.org/elevateamerica.

Microsoft Elevate America

“We are appreciative that Microsoft is offering this opportunity to the Snohomish County workforce. Many are looking to sharpen their skills during the current downturn and Elevate America provides a terrific opportunity to do so,” notes Sue Ambler, CEO of WDCSC.

While training vouchers through Elevate America address higher level technology skills, WDCSC is supplementing these vouchers with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to offer basic courses on digital literacy and Windows and Office basics at the WorkSource Snohomish County centers.

“If people aren’t sure where to start, they should start at the most basic level,” says Amy Persell, Director of Service Delivery for the WDC. To register for basic learning classes, visit the Lynnwood or Everett WorkSource Centers; visit www.worksourceonline.com to find a WorkSource Center near you.

Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC)

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