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### **Snohomish County to receive \$1.4 million in Clean Energy Recovery Funding**

**January 29, 2010 - Everett, WA**—Snohomish County will see \$1.4 million from a statewide green and energy efficiency training grant from the US Department of Labor. This portion of the grant funds will be managed by Workforce Development Council Snohomish County on behalf of a regional partnership, including Build it Smart, Cascadia Community College, Edmonds Community College, Everett Community College, Master Builders Career Connection, Veterans Conservation Corps, and the Washington Electrical Industry Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee.

Local outcomes include training 200 participants in in-demand green and energy efficiency skills at local community colleges and through Master Builder Career Connection and enrolling apprentice to journey-level building and construction trades workers in upgrade green skills training conducted by Joint Apprenticeship Training Councils in six northwestern Washington counties.

“This grant is going to change the way we build in Snohomish County and Washington State,” explained Sue Ambler, CEO of Workforce Development Council Snohomish County. “By working with our local apprenticeship programs and community colleges, we’re going to affect change in a new generation of workers that will benefit us for generations through energy savings, all while creating jobs.”

Training programs offered through the partnership will include energy management specialist, energy accounting specialist, commercial light auditor, energy efficiency technician, sustainable practices, green skills training, and others.

The United States Department of Labor awarded the nearly \$6 million State Energy Sector Partnership Grant to the Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board in order to train Washington workers in high demand occupations needed for energy efficiency in commercial and public buildings. The initiative will create a ready supply of skilled workers for the energy efficiency sector and put participants on career paths with recognized credentials in hand.

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