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WDCSC Selected to Mentor another Council

Everett, Washington, October 7, 2008—Workforce Development Council Snohomish County Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC) is pleased to announce that it was chosen to be a People Inspiring Transformation (PIT) mentor by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

Workforce Development Council Snohomish County was chosen to be a mentor based on two areas of expertise in workforce transformation: Workforce System Structure and Governance and Understanding the Economy and Talent Pool. Workforce Development Council Snohomish County was able to draw upon its active involvement in the Snohomish County Blueprint 2015 Partnership, which strategically aligns workforce development, economic development, and education. Additionally, WDCSC is the local workforce investment board and has responsibility for oversight of the one-stop workforce development system in Snohomish County. The system is driven by regional labor market and economic information that identifies skill needs for high-impact businesses.

USDOL launched the People Inspiring Transformation (PIT) Crew initiative as one of several workforce system change management and leadership development efforts. The PIT Crew effort brings together workforce investment boards and one-stop workforce development systems from around the country to participate as peer mentors and learners in crucial transformation areas. The project uses a peer-to-peer learning and coaching approach to build the capacity of state and local workforce investment boards and their one-stop systems.

USDOL/ETA has identified 15 learner and 13 mentor organizations to form PIT Crew teams. As a mentor, Workforce Development Council Snohomish County will receive technical assistance from USDOL/ETA and will serve as a resource to a learner team by providing ongoing support and technical assistance, including two site visits. Travel for the initial Match Meeting to be held in mid-October in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as future site visit travel, will be paid for by USDOL as part of the PIT Crew initiative.

Workforce Development Council Snohomish County was honored to participate in an earlier version of this effort, then called the National Business Learning Partnership, as a learner organization last year.

Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC)

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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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