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 **Executive focuses on partnership at Aerospace Industry Summit**

On June 7, Executive Reardon addressed a group of aerospace industry business owners, educators and students at the Aerospace Industry Summit, hosted by the Snohomish County Workforce Development Council (WDC) and the Economic Development Council (EDC). The summit brought together this diverse community to encourage partnership between the aerospace industry, educational community, businesses and government to ensure that our youth are equipped with the skills they need to enter the local workforce.

“Snohomish County is the leader in creating new jobs in Washington State,” says Executive Reardon. “Our new challenge is creating partnerships to ensure that there is a skilled workforce to meet the demand of a growing aerospace industry to allow us to remain globally competitive.”

By fostering collaborative efforts with our schools and businesses we can address workforce needs, provide educators with the tools necessary to prepare students for tomorrow’s workplace and motivate students to get excited about career opportunities in Snohomish County. To attract new businesses to our County we must market the unique skills of our local aerospace workers and our commitment to workforce training. Snohomish County, in partnership with the EDC is actively working to recruit companies to Snohomish County. By partnering with the aerospace industry and tailoring workforce training programs specific to their needs Snohomish County will continue to see new jobs created.

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The Aerospace Industry Summit was funded by a grant received by WDC and EDC. The grant also funded the creation of the Puget Sound Regional Aerospace Skills Panel. The panel was formed to provide a forum in which key partnerships and targeted goals will be created, thereby fostering healthy economic and workforce development within this key industry cluster in the Puget Sound Region.

Addressing climate change effects in Washington State

Executive Reardon attended the second meeting of Governor Chris Gregoire's Climate Advisory Team on Tuesday, June 5th in Spokane. The Climate Advisory Team was established to develop recommendations for a comprehensive set of policies and strategies that can fully implement Washington State's greenhouse gas reductions, clean energy jobs, and fuel import expenditure goals for 2020, including identifying early actions for the 2008 Legislative session. Reardon was appointed to the Climate Advisory Team by Governor Gregoire in March.

"Global warming will have a significant impact on our lives," said Executive Reardon. "We must act to reduce global warming and adapt to the changing climate. Snohomish County will lead by reducing the environmental impact of government, acting as an example to others and being a source of information for the community."

Tuesday's Climate Advisory Team meeting focused on a review of the draft Washington Emissions Inventory and Forecast and a thorough review and revision of a Climate Advisory Team catalog of potential climate mitigation actions.

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Sincerely,



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Executive Reardon and Snohomish County have taken a leadership role in the Climate Advisory Team in the following areas:

- Agriculture and Waste Management – including biofuels, waste reduction, recycling and energy recovery, solid waste management
- Transportation – including vehicle efficiency, alternative fuels and demand reduction programs
- Residential, Commercial & Industrial – including energy efficiency and conservation, industrial process

The next Climate Advisory Team meeting will be held on August 7th in the Puget Sound region. The public is invited to attend Climate Advisory Team meetings in person, listen-in on technical working group meetings, and submit comments via the website. To learn more, please visit [Climate Advisory Team](#) online.



DEM/WSP Memorial Day Weekend patrol recap

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) assisted the Washington State Patrol (WSP) with its DUI operation.

“The partnership between DEM and WSP really proved the power of teamwork,” says Executive Reardon. “Their efforts made the roads a safer place to be over the Memorial Weekend.”

The operation resulted in 11 potential stops for DUIs. 911 calls were coordinated between the WSP airplane and the DEM’s Emergency Operations Center. DEM will partner with WSP over other holiday weekends, such as Labor Day, to assist in protecting the public.

“The operation demonstrates that we have the partnership and the technology to save lives or prevent possible injury,” says John Pennington, director of DEM.

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The operation utilized technology incorporated into the EOC during the recent upgrade of the facility. The upgrade, funded by grant money from the Urban Areas Security Initiative, included technology that will allow the EOC to view incidents and events "real time" from helicopters and specially outfitted airplanes. That technology allows the video to be immediately seen by incident commanders located in the EOC during an emergency.

Opportunity to see new and improved Western Heritage Center Museum

Be one of the first to see the recently renovated and soon-to-be-expanded Western Heritage Center Museum at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. The museum features an exciting, state-of-the-art tribute to Snohomish County's mining, agriculture, logging and early transportation industries.

"The Western Heritage Center Museum offers an exciting new opportunity to learn about Snohomish County's rich history," says Executive Reardon.

The renovated section of the current Western Heritage Center Museum will be open during the fundraising dinner and auction that will be held in the Cattle Pavilion (Building 600) on Saturday, June 16 beginning at 6 p.m. Money raised will go toward exhibits and renovating a newly acquired section of the existing building, which, when completed in about a year, will more than double the museum's size. Auction guests will also be able to view the new section.

Admission is free, but the night includes plenty of opportunities to help fund the effort. A silent live auction offers potentially great deals on old farm tractors, antiques, locally grown beef, enticing getaways, historic photographs, gift baskets, landscaping packages and products, and so much more. The dinner buffet, featuring specialties like peach burgundy meatballs, quiche, and a variety of cheeses, costs \$10; soft drinks will also be available. Celebratory cake is the dessert offering at no charge.

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The state-of-the-art renovation and addition will include a simulated mine shaft, computer-generated interactive displays that demonstrate early equipment usage, a model railroad, and photo exhibits that include a “behind-the-scenes” view of the county’s early railroad system.

Brainchild of Jerry Senner, an antique tractor collector and former dairy farmer, the museum’s mission is to preserve Snohomish County’s resource-based heritage, while offering a fun, interactive learning environment where children of all ages can get a sense of perspective and history in a local context. The museum will also house some of Jerry’s tractors.

The Museum renovation and expansion is supported in part by Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Farm Bureau.

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