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### County’s training capacity expands with Recovery Act funds

**July 23, 2009 - Everett, WA**—Workforce Development Council Snohomish County this week to award six contracts worth a total of \$450,000 to provide training to dislocated workers using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funds.

Increasing the capacity of local education and training institutions in a variety of programs is critical for our county’s workforce, explains Amy Persell, Director of Service Delivery for Workforce Development Council Snohomish County, and a key focus of the Obama Administration in the stimulus plan.

“At a time when so many job candidates need additional skills and training to find re-employment it is critical that the workforce development system place as many resources as possible into a range of training options that meet the needs of growth industries,” Persell notes.

The contracts were awarded to three community colleges and one Engineering Services firm and private training provider for a variety of training and certification programs (see below).

Training Provider	Training Program	Number of Participants
Cascadia Community College	Business Intelligence with SQL (Structured Query Language) Server 2008	16
Next Level Engineering Services	Certified SolidWorks Associate Training	17
Edmonds Community College	ISO Quality Management System Certificate	20
Edmonds Community College	Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certificate	10
Everett Community College	Nursing Assistant Certified-ESL	20
Edmonds Community College	Safety Inspection	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

The 98 dislocated workers who will be trained under these contracts join 509 additional job candidates in Snohomish County who will receive money for training—whether individual, classroom/occupation, on-the-job, work experience or apprenticeship—funded by the Recovery Act (see table below). Those seeking funding for training should contact Shelia Dersham, Training Coordinator, WIA at (425) 422-4174.

Type of Training	Number of Participants
<b>Recovery Act Dislocated Worker funds</b>	
Individualized Training	148
Classroom (Occupational) Training	25
Apprenticeship	55
On-the-Job Training and/or Work Experience	110
Group Contract Training	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>436</b>

<b>Recovery Act Low-Income Adult funds</b>	
Individualized Training	71
Classroom (Occupational) Training	10
Apprenticeship	30
On-the-Job Training and/or Work Experience	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>

To learn more about the impact that Recovery Act funding is making on Snohomish County's workforce, visit [www.wdcsc.org/initiatives/recoveryact/results.html](http://www.wdcsc.org/initiatives/recoveryact/results.html).

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