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Washington Aerospace Partnership: Growing Jobs and Prosperity

The Washington Aerospace Partnership is a collaboration of business, labor and government leaders working together to ensure Washington state continues to be a thriving leader in aerospace excellence.

Washington state is a global center for aerospace manufacturing and innovation. Our goal is to lead the world for the next 100 years.



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2012 Successes

Landing the 737 MAX

The Partnership rallied business, labor and government leaders to ensure Washington state was in the best position possible to secure production of the new Boeing 737 MAX airplane.

Strengthening Aerospace Businesses

The Partnership was instrumental in hosting the first-ever aerospace supplier summit in Seattle that drew more than 800 companies from 25 countries to identify new partners, technology and innovation.



Improving Competitiveness

The Partnership oversaw a major competitive analysis of our state's strengths and weaknesses to identify actions needed to improve our aerospace environment. The initiatives that emerged are guiding investments in education, training, transportation and changes in policy.

Making Aerospace a Priority

The Partnership had great success in the 2011 - 2012 legislative sessions getting all its priority aerospace bills successfully passed to address the needs of the aerospace industry and to make Washington the most competitive state in the nation.



Expand Training & Proficiency

- Creating new programs in two skills centers to offer enhanced manufacturing courses for high school students to graduate with up to one year's worth of college credit and training in their chosen field.
- Expanding the aerospace assembler program through startup grants to 12 high schools to receive aerospace assembler and manufacturing support.



- Linking aerospace manufacturing technical certification courses and credits by awarding postsecondary credit when students demonstrate competencies; including adding advanced courses in 10 high schools.
- Replacing current teaching standards with higher levels of integrated teaching techniques for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Focusing aerospace manufacturing training to meet industry demand for workers and implement outcomes-based evaluation of results.
- Expanding the Washington Aerospace Training & Research Center at Edmonds Community College and establishing the Renton Aerospace Training Center at Renton Technical College.
- Providing \$2 million to expand enrollments in STEM-related programs and \$12 million to provide new aerospace-related training equipment to the state's community and technical colleges.



Advancing Research & Development

- Creating a Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation at UW and WSU to advance research on new technologies for products in aviation, aerospace and defense.



Producing More Engineering Degrees

- \$7.6 million to expand capacity at the UW and WSU to graduate more engineering students and meet the growing need for highly skilled aerospace workers.

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