

2012 First Quarter

WATR Here We Grow Again



The Washington Aerospace Training & Research Center (WATR) is expanding its facility to accommodate the ongoing demand for enrollment. In December of 2011, construction began to expand our operation of the Center located at 3008 100th St. SW on Paine Field. Currently the Center is housed in only one half of the building. The plan is to make full use of the building by Spring of 2012.

As demands for employees continues in the aerospace industry, so does demand for enrollment at the WATR Center. "We are industry focused" says, Larry Cluphf, Director. "This requires us to expand to meet the growing demand for aerospace workers. We are very proud of the training that students are receiving from the WATR Center programs. These programs serve as the launching pad for new careers in our industry. The quality of the training being provided is verified by the high placement rate of students who graduate from our programs with jobs at Boeing and other aerospace industry suppliers", states Larry.

In addition, to expanding our facility, we are also reviewing the expansion of the training and certifications offered. As our industry changes we have to remain responsive in our product offerings in this fast-paced industry. Student enrollment in our programs consist of both male and females 18 years and older with varying experiences of skills. For some students this is their first experience with using tools of any kind.

This programs offers Veterans a great opportunity to take advantage of our training programs converting their important skill sets

to aerospace. The GI Bill is available for assistance. New classes for certificate program start every 30 days. Our website contains information on enrollment and current class availability . Financial Aid Assistance is available to help pay the cost for the training. www.washingtonaerospace.com



"This is a very exciting time for the aerospace industry who are our partners and for Edmonds Community College. We are well positioned to prepare workers with the knowledge to help companies in the aerospace industry fill jobs," says Cyndi Schaeffer, Executive Director of the Edmonds Community College Business Training Center.

Available Financing

- GI Bill
- Guaranteed Education Tuition
- Aerospace Loan Program



WATR Welcomes Industry Recruiters



Industry Recruiters talked to the December 2011 graduating class. Students listen intently as recruiters discussed job openings and how to apply for positions. Students asked

questions on resume writing, presentation, interviewing skills and how to apply for positions.

There was a great exchange on what employers are looking for and what are the necessary skill sets to obtain jobs in the industry. Even though no interviews or jobs were promised the recruiters stated that the WATR Center was an excellent training ground for hiring to fill key positions with their companies.

In addition to receiving graduations certificates, the WATR staff will also assist graduates with resume writing and interviewing skills. So after the cheering ended following graduation, the student went to work drafting their resumes .

Industry recruiters are encouraged to contact us to schedule interviews and make presentations to WATR Students.

Cool Girls Work In Aerospace



Damian Cianci (featured on the right) is the instructor for the Cool Girls Work in Aerospace Program. These student attend sessions at the WATR center after school program to learn about everything from drills, computers, composites, and how plastics

are used in the aerospace industry. The students range from 12 to 16 years of age and are part of a partnership with the Boys and Girls after school program. They have hands on experience with the tools and skills in the aerospace industry.

The students learned how to use designing tools and computers to make jewelry trays for their personal use out of composite materials. The goal of the program is to get young people interested in aerospace and designing.

This is just one of the many programs offered at the Washington Aerospace Training & Research Center (WATR) located at Paine Field in Everett, Washington. For more information on this and other programs offered at WATR, please call (425) 347-8928.

Job Training in Aerospace Takes Flight

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Job Training in Aerospace Takes Flight at Community College in Washington By Collin Eaton

Aerospace companies in Washington State have found a new way to replenish their aging work force with younger, high-skilled factory workers: Look to Edmonds Community College. The college, in Lynnwood, Wash., offers an intensive 12-week course that teaches students how to drill into metals like titanium and other skills connected with building aerospace products. So far, 424 of Edmonds's students have passed the course—that's a 90 percent graduation rate—and more than three out of four of them have found jobs at Boeing.

Edmonds teamed up with the Aerospace Futures Alliance of Washington, the trade association for Washington's fleet of aircraft makers, last spring to create an industry-driven education program responsive to the needs of aerospace companies. Twenty five percent of aerospace-factory workers are eligible for retirement, another 25 percent will be eligible in five years, and a total of 75 percent will be eligible in the next 10 to 15 years.

The alliance had sought an educational partnership with a community college for at least six years, but after shopping the idea of an outside training center to several such colleges in Washington, it found no takers. Edmonds was the first to sign up.

"We have to be quick and industry-responsive," says Cyndi Schaeffer, executive director of Edmond's Business Training Center. "That means we have to hire subject matter experts to develop curriculum immediately." When WATR opened its doors in June of 2010, the course enrolled 19 students. Today the course is serving over 180 people each month and aerospace companies are saving by not having to hire their own instructors, pay trainees, provide building space and materials.

Aerospace Futures Alliance



The Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center continues to exceed everyone's expectations per the Aerospace Futures Alliance (AFA). A large part of its success has been AFA's insistence that the curriculum at the WATR

Center remain Industry driven. To accomplish this, we established a multi company Industry Advisory Council led by Linda Lanham - AFA President & Executive Director.

The aerospace industry is a serious player in the world economy and the state of Washington is strategic to this industry being the home to over 600 aerospace companies, all of which contribute to the positive, forward movement of our state. The AFA seeks to represent the needs and concerns of every company in the industry, regardless of size. They are committed to pursuing the issues that are important to you both in the legislature and through the initiative process.

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