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Washington State Workforce Development Newsletter Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board

WORKFORCE BOARD TO MEET WITH WDC CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS

The Workforce Board will meet with Workforce Development Council chairs and directors starting at 4 p.m., July 9, at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 16500 Southcenter Parkway in Seattle. On July 10, the Workforce Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at the same location from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Agenda and support materials will be available later this week at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov>.

CANTWELL ASKS CONGRESS TO RESTORE WIA FUNDING LOSSES

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell has penned a letter to ranking members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in support of job training funds that were cut during the 2008 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) rescission. The \$250 million rescission required states to return unspent funds from workforce programs aimed at youth, adults and dislocated workers. Read the letter at:

<http://www.workforcealliance.org/atf/cf/%7B93353952-1df1-473a-b105-7713f4529ebb%7D/RESCISSION%20DEAR%20COLLEAGUE%202008%20%282%29.PDF?tr=y&auid=3751609>.

GAO STUDY HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ONE-STOP LINKS

A new report issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office shows how community and technical colleges are integrating with one-stop career centers to better meet state workforce needs. The GAO visited 20 colleges in six states, including Washington and Oregon, to arrive at the results. Washington colleges included: Bates Technical College, Bellingham Technical College, Clover Park Technical College, Pierce College District, Skagit Valley College, Tacoma Community College and Whatcom Community College. Read the report at:

http://www.nawb.org/portals/0/Resource%20Center/gao_052008.pdf.