



Employment Security Department

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Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board
Rick Bender, Member

Dear Mr. Bender,

I am pleased to deliver the *2009 Washington State Labor Market and Economic Report* to you. This report was prepared by the Labor Market and Economic Analysis (LMEA) branch of the Employment Security Department in accordance with *RCW 50.38.040*.

If you have any questions or comments with respect to this report or if I can be a resource to you, please contact me at (360) 438-4800, Mail Stop 6000, or by e-mail at gweeks@esd.wa.gov.

I would also like to invite you to explore LMEA's Workforce Explorer (www.workforceexplorer.com) for up-to-date labor market information and publications, as well as other labor market information tools. An electronic copy of the report is available on Workforce Explorer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Weeks".

Greg Weeks, Director
Labor Market and Economic Analysis