



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- WORKFORCE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2006 High Skills, High Wages

- Further develop skill panels by sustaining and creating more panels in key economic clusters, establishing statewide panels in select industries and by enhancing the ability of skill panels to leverage resources to address skills shortages.
- Establish additional Centers of Excellence in key economic clusters.
- Increase the number of workers receiving customized training.
- Develop expertise in the WorkSource System in serving the needs of local employers in key clusters.
- Identify and support the development of economic clusters that provide a large number of family-wage jobs.

### SBCTC Budget Requests – Endorsed November, 2006

- SBCTC is requesting **\$3.4 million** that includes additional support of \$100,000 per year for the existing 11 Centers of Excellence and \$200,000 per year for three new Centers of Excellence
- SBCTC is requesting the funding needed to bring the Job Skills Program total from nearly \$3 million to **\$10 million per biennium**.

## Washington Works: A Workforce System Review

- **Appoint the director of CTED as an ex officio participating official on the Workforce Board.**
- **Appoint the executive director of the Workforce Board as an ex officio member of the Economic Development Commission.**
- **Direct the Workforce Board and CTED, in collaboration with WDCs, Economic Development Councils, community and technical colleges, and local governments to develop a plan to support coordination at the regional level of workforce and economic development efforts.**
- **Direct CTED and the Workforce Board to develop a cluster-based strategy as a central organizing principle for their joint activities and as an important means to close skill gaps.**
- **Provide state general funds to support Industry Skill Panels.**
- **Direct CTED, the Workforce Board, SBCTC, and ESD to coordinate grant processes wherever appropriate.**
- **Require the coordination of research activities of workforce and economic development agencies.**