

PASSPORT TO AEROSPACE EMPLOYMENT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SNOHOMISH



To meet customer demand, the Boeing Company increased its airplane production rates, adding 2,500 jobs in Snohomish County in 2010-11. It became apparent to WorkSource Snohomish County staff that job candidates were struggling to complete the Boeing online application process. To provide assistance to both job candidates and to Boeing, WorkSource Snohomish County invited Boeing Human Resources professionals to the Centers to provide workshops and train Employment Specialists to host additional workshops. This effort became known as "Passport to Aerospace Employment" and has been highly acclaimed. In standing room only sessions, job candidates learned the ins and outs of the online application process, tips and tricks for getting noticed by Boeing recruiters, and how to ace an interview. Thirty workshops were hosted by the WDCSC during the months of April to July 2011.

Upon completing the initial Passport workshop, job candidates were assessed and, if ready, applied to Boeing. Those in need of additional training were referred in cohorts of 90 to the Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center (WATR) for Aerospace Manufacturing Core and Aerospace Assembly Mechanic Certificate training.

Job candidates who needed additional training were referred to appropriate WorkSource resources.

Results as of July 2011:

2,400	Total Customers
180	Veterans
1,568	People receiving unemployment insurance

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