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## Center of Excellence April 2017 News

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### **2016-17 WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS FOCUS AREAS OF INDUSTRY SECTOR STRATEGY, EDUCATION, INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & SUPPLY AND DEMAND**



#### **Center Receives Final CTC Site Review Report**

On April 24, 2017, received the Site Review Report from Nancy Dick, SBCTC Workforce Education Director. The review took place on March 29, 2017.

There were five areas which received commendations:

1. The breadth and exemplary commitment of our advisory board and their conscious targeting of Center activities on getting students employed.
2. Center's shift to increase engagement with the private sector and the level of co-leadership of the Board with the Center's staff which creates a strong foundation for the work.
3. The strong commitment and durability of the Center's relationship with its host college as a major asset for Center.
4. Reviewers were impressed with the model the Center has developed to support colleges in finding internships for their students in HSEM-related programs and the focus on growing capacity at the local college level by Center staff developing an opportunity with an area employer, and then handing the relationship off to the college personnel. They saw this as creating sustainability for the colleges by growing the number of employers they have relationships with, while maintaining important opportunities for students.
5. The Center's staffing model impact and responsiveness to the needs of its college and employer customers within a tight budget. Paid staff are deployed regionally so face-to-face meetings are easily hand, and are well cross-trained on the different services and expertise and by building a volunteer workforce to support and promote the Center's work with the active advisory board and Senior Fellows. The Review Team stated, "You have grown many motivated partners who are contributing to projects and programs around the state."

There were three recommendations for consideration which included:

1. Continue to work with the Center's Advisory Board, colleges and State Board staff to identify workforce needs of the college system that the Center is positioned to respond to with resources to meet those needs.
2. Opportunities in corporate and continuing education. Many of the successful resources or events the Center has supported have been targeted towards incumbent workers and their continuing education. They recommend we consider building colleges' capacity on the for-credit side of things by translating them to the non-credit workforce programming at colleges. You could consider exploring ways to help colleges' corporate and continuing education departments offer these chunks or modules of important, in-demand skills to serve employers.
3. Supporting efficiency in the development and delivery of education in the college system is a core function for any Center and given the Center's expertise in these areas the Reviewers encouraged the Center to help replicate the "Collaborating College" model to other program areas so students across the state could benefit.

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### HSEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SBCTC Work Plan Report

Submitted the Center's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Work Plan Report on April 15 along with Center's monthly activity reports for the quarter. The Center welcomed aboard Danny Marshal who has joined the Workforce Education staff. Provided him with a copy of the Center's [HSEM COE Exploration Guide](#) provides information on the Center's core services and accomplishments, work plan outcomes, resources information and our strategic planning progress with our HSEM Advisory Board.

### Collaborating Colleges – Cybersecurity

The Center is working with Peninsula College and their fully online [Cybersecurity & Computer Forensics Program](#) to continue to replicate the Pierce College "Collaborating Colleges" model. Since Peninsula College was the first college to join Pierce's HSEM online Program as a collaborating college Pierce has indicated an interest in being one of the first colleges to collaborate with Peninsula offer its Cybersecurity degree. The colleges will follow the model outlined in the [Collaborating College Guide](#) to complete an MOU.

### Pierce College International Program Request

Brent Leavell, Manager of International Marketing and Student Recruitment for Pierce College International Education Program, contacted the Center regarding their interest in developing international pathways and programs in all-hazard emergency/disaster management. Center staff will be meeting with the International Program in May to explore opportunities to expand HSEM programs to international students.

### Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference



*Building stronger partnerships in the emergency management field through encouragement, collaboration and continuous education.*

April 18-20 at Tacoma Conference Center the Center joined over 400 preparedness professionals for the Partners Conference. The Center, Pierce, and Edmonds College staff and volunteers hosted a large exhibitor booth providing information on education and training opportunities available at our 34 Community and Technical Colleges in all-hazard emergency management and other careers. Over 200 people stopped at the booth to learn about our public health and safety, security, cybersecurity, emergency management and occupational health and safety programs.

Our theme this year was "WA Career Paths" helping people to do career planning, discuss career changes, and education planning and job search. We all wore new T-Shirts designed by staff for the event which say "Trust Me, I'm a Navigator." We attracted lots of attention with our motto and we had access to our CTC new <http://wacareerpaths.com/> pathways website so we could travel with people in real-time on a journey of discovery. Thanks to our colleges faculty and staff and Center staff and volunteers who served as Navigators.



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### Securing the Supply Chain Forum: A Global Perspective of Food Protection to Secure Our Agriculture Economy April 26, 2017 – Highline College



Food safety is everybody's business, not just the end user, the retailer or the wholesaler, but the whole food system needs to have ownership of food safety. Over 80 people attended our Forum co-sponsored with the Global Trade and Supply Chain CoE.

The Forum discussed the challenges, critical issues and important roles of all stakeholders: government, business and industry, and academia. Food protection is at the intersection of food safety, food quality, and food defense. The Forum increased awareness about the potential targets and impacts of food safety emergencies. The Forum provided an opportunity for public and private industry experts, along with educators to gather for a dialogue of key issues impacting food defense and a discussion of the feasibility of a certificate program in food defense.

Participants shared key "take aways" Including identification of need for future collaboration of the educational system, farms and other agri-businesses and government to work together to close training and education needs and gaps. Participants also talked about what an "eye opening" day and that food safety is a specialized field that needs a highly educated and trained workforce. One participant said, "So much need in the educational system that higher ed will be employed for a long time."

This forum is co-sponsored by the Centers of Excellence Homeland Security–Emergency Management and Global Trade and Supply Chain Management and was joined by staff from the Agriculture Center of Excellence and Walla Walla College who served as panelists. The three Centers will be working together with the Department of Agriculture and WSU to address the identified education and training needs in this industry area in food safety and defense. (video and summary will be available in late May on our website [www.hsem-coe.com](http://www.hsem-coe.com))



#### **New Program Opportunity – Insurance Industry**

On April 13, Center staff met with Danial Holst, the Executive VP for the Association and members of his association to discuss the opportunity of our Center working with the Association discuss and identify their training needs and opportunities for program development. As a result of the meeting the work group agreed to proceed with researching

the national curriculum that is available to the CTC system for establishing an insurance industry program. Center's staff have experience and expertise in working in the insurance industry and Danial does see a natural fit with all-hazard emergency management and occupation health and safety programs which currently exist in our system. The work group will continue its discussions and analysis in May.

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### “Emergency Management Once Removed” – Center’s Blog



Social Media/Public Information

Jim’s Blog, Senior Fellow, Center of Excellence

#### Maybe We Should Take Our Issues to Jared?

<http://wp.pierce.ctc.edu/blog/hsemcoe/maybe-take-issues-jared-may-2017/>

The April Blog post discusses what options the security and emergency management within the Trump Administration. Read Jim’s post and join the discussion on these very important issues.

### Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Course



The Center staff traveled to Yakima to help the CoE for Allied Health host the second two day FEMA funded workshop this year. Over 50 hospitals and healthcare organizations met at Yakima Valley College on April 4-5 and received training and materials on the fundamentals of disaster preparedness and recovery planning. There was no cost to participants and funding was from a FEMA training grant. Linda Crerar and Dan Ferguson, Director of CoE for Allied Health welcomed participants to the event and talked about the importance of health care professionals and organizations being trained and having plans to prepare for and recover from disasters. Linda talked briefly about the HSEM degree program and thank the Allied Health Center for hosting this important training to our region.

Anita Janus the Center’s eastern WA representative participated in the two day workshop. “The training was excellent,” said Anita. “It generated lots of discussion in the breakout groups and the need for ongoing training and educational opportunities. Anita had invited Raquel Ferrell Crowley, Senator Patty Murray’s Eastern WA representative, to join the group in afternoon of the first day. Raquel talked briefly about what Senator Murray was working on in D.C. that might be of interest to everyone. She also referenced some new legislation which she will be forwarding that she felt we would be interested in learning about.

Several people who were unable to attend this training event has requested the Centers host another training in the fall perhaps in Spokane and NW Washington. The Centers have begun discussions with Texas A and M who provide the FEMA trainings to secure another event in the state before the end of the year. All of the TEEX and other FEMA training events are listed on the WA State EM Training Opportunities Website <http://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/training-and-exercise/training>

Rural Enterprise Development Grant: Surveying Agriculture Industry for Education Needs



Global Trade & Supply Chain Management  
Highline College



impact  
washington

The Workforce Board was awarded an \$80,000 one-year grant from USDA to survey agricultural-related firms in 10 Washington Counties as to whether they have access to sufficient educational resources for their employees, and what types of skills training and classes they would like to see offered in their area. The Board contracted with CoEs for Global Trade and Agriculture to compile available courses. Our Center serves as a sub-contractor of this grant and has completed its first quarter report to the

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Center for Global Trade and Workforce Board. The Center's special project staff, Sara Hemphill, completed the collection of the suite of online courses related to the food manufacturer and processors as well as the design of the data base which was submitted with our report. The compilation included the available courses in each of the 10 countries, including online options and hybrid options. Ultimately these courses and others that may be developed will be available online for agricultural-related firms to easily access.

### ***Up Coming Events***

#### **2017 14th Annual Regional Joint Tribal Emergency Preparedness Conference**

May 1<sup>st</sup>- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort  
Suquamish, WA



public health partners, emergency managers, our veterans and military partners, communications, services for children and our most vulnerable populations, casino security departments and corporate partners and vendors. Theme this year is "**Emergency Preparedness: Stronger Together.**" The agenda will focus on ways to improve and enhance inter-agency and cross-jurisdictional collaboration across all disciplines with all partners.

#### **Tribal EM Preparedness Conference**

The Center has been asked to present on educational pathway programs at the upcoming conference and will have an information booth. The event includes government leaders, first responders,

#### **Disrupting Trends in Public Safety Technology Symposium**

**When:** May 23, 2017

**Where:** McGavick Conference Center, Clover Park Technical College

Every day innovations in technology have the potential to revolutionize how first responders accomplish their mission. The Public Safety Technology symposium will address current and future technologies that will impact emergency managers and first responders.

**Registration**

#### **Pacific Northwest Disaster Resilience Symposium**

**When:** July 24-25, 2017

**Where:** Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront  
1401 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR 97201

**Cost:** \$195

The Pacific Northwest Disaster Resilience Symposium is a two-day event hosted by the Center for Regional Disaster Resilience and developed to bring together leaders and decision makers from throughout the region to address common issues, examine solutions, and promote information sharing. The Symposium will be take place on July 24-25, 2017. It will be embedded within the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's Annual Summit in Portland, Oregon, from July 23-27. Embedding the Disaster Resilience Symposium within the larger PNWER Summit will provide attendees with the opportunity to interact face-to-face with elected officials and legislators and increase awareness for important disaster resilience issues.

**Registration**

### **2017 COE Schedule of Events**

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April 17-20	Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference – Tacoma Convention Center
April 26	Securing the Supply Chain Forum sponsored by Global Trade/HSEM Centers of Excellence at Highline College
May TBA	May Women in Leadership Networking Event– Location, Date, and Time TBA
May 1-3	Tribal Preparedness Conference, Squamish, WA
May TBA	Advisory Board Meeting – Location TBA; 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 23	Disrupting Trends in Public Safety Technology Symposium <b>When:</b> May 23, 2017 <b>Where:</b> McGavick Conference Center, Clover Park Technical College
June-July	Women in Leadership Networking Event– Location, Date, and Time TBA
July	PNWER – Public Private Partnership Workshop at Portland Conference
September	WSEMA Conference – Location and Dates TBA
October	Women in Leadership Forum – Location TBA; 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
October	Advisory Board Meeting – Location TBA; 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.