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

Training and Technical Assistance for Community Technical Colleges

The Center co-hosted with Skagit College a three day workshop (December 15-17) on “Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions” which was attended by 47 CTC Executive and Security, Safety and EM staff from 5 colleges and K-12. The course is being offered as a way for decision makers at academic institutions to sharpen their skills around managing critical incidents by applying all-hazards, multi-disciplinary, community based approach. Texas A&M Extension Service in conjunction with The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) provided the instructors. The course was requested by colleges in follow up to the tragic incidents that resulted in loss of life for two separate community colleges in our region this fall (North Seattle and Umpqua Community College). These incidents serve as reminder that Higher Education Institutions must be ready at all times to respond and assist their college community in recovery when emergencies strike. Due to a high interest level, additional courses will be offered in 2016.

Securing the Supply Chain Forum

In collaboration with the Center for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management, a planning meeting was held with national presenters to begin to draft the agenda for the forum which will feature supply chain technology and security. The forum is slated for April 13th, 2016. Faculty and program managers from the three BAS programs surrounding international trade will focus on curriculum needs and gaps.

\$100 Million TechHire Initiative Grant

In collaboration with the Center for Information Technology and Global Trade and Supply Chain Management, a meeting was held with staff and faculty from Bellingham Tech, Pierce, Whatcom, and Highline Colleges to discuss and outline grant application for the [TechHire](#) initiative which expands pathways into tech jobs to those who have lacked access and are underrepresented in tech fields.

This effort would involve several community and technical colleges and utilize nontraditional approaches and focus for ages 17-19 and Veterans. The workgroup outlined proposal elements, developed plan and timeline to meet submission date mid-January.

OSPI Introduction to HSEM Career Pathways

Center staff working with K-12 to expand public safety, security and emergency management career pathways through articulation and other collaboration met with Thomas Mosby, Executive Director for the new Career Pathways and Partnership Office, and faculty from South King County Skills Center to discuss expanding engagement in public safety, security and emergency

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management pathway in the K-12 system to include Homeland Security/Emergency Management and Cyber Security careers.