

Homeland Security-Emergency Management

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

Leveraging COE Resources for BAS - Pierce College is collaborating with the Center of Excellence for Homeland Security Emergency Management to leverage the COE's mapping of feeder program pathways into the BAS-HSEM program, including the identification of related HSEM career fields. The Center is also providing industry trend information to support the labor market analysis for the BAS-HSEM degree application. The BAS HSEM Statement of Need was reviewed and approved to move forward to complete the development of the degree program at the October 28, SBCTC Board Meeting.

Technical Assistance for Community Technical Colleges – Initial Response

Wendy Freitag, Center staff, provided assistance to North Seattle College's International Program for a week after the Aurora Bridge accident. Having a third party resource available outside North Seattle that had experience in the international field helped the College to problem solve a variety of complex recovery issues which was especially welcome in this situation as the regular International Staff struggled with the loss of their students and with another dozen students hospitalized with serious injuries. During her time at the college, Wendy had a chance to brief President Brown and his Executive Team about long term recovery issues and strategies to consider. Wendy recommended that the College conduct an after action review and Wendy was invited to facilitate and completed an initial discussion with 17 members of the College and District's Executive Staff.

The Center had held a panel discussion at its June Safety, Security, EM Conference on the emergency response plans for coordinating issues of the growth of International Programs (IP) across the CTC system and the Center began to survey the IP and SSEM coordinators to determine the security, safety and emergency management awareness/training needs and development of a guidebook for the colleges to address their issues.

Women in HSEM Leadership Forum - On October 8, the Center hosted the Women in HSEM Leadership Forum. Thirty-five women attended the Forum from all different sectors ranging from Criminal Justice, TSA, Department of Justice, and students from the HSEM degree program and Infrastructure Planning Master's program at the UW. The forum provided educators and industry partners the opportunity to come together and learn about diversity in every level of leadership and offered leadership development, lessons learned, and industry specific mentoring about new best practices, and emerging trends that will revolutionize how Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) curriculum and training are delivered. Feedback from participants was very positive and the Center is now evaluating follow-up activities to build on its success.