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Harold Carr, President, Board of Directors
Melissa Edwards, Administrator
Washington Aerospace Scholars
9404 East Marginal Way S
Seattle, WA 98108

Dear Mr. Carr and Ms. Edwards:

It is my pleasure to award \$100,000 in discretionary federal Workforce Investment Act funding to the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) program to encourage student interest and encourage the pursuit of careers in aerospace. I am making this investment to enable more students to experience the unique, hands-on learning experience in science, technology, engineering and math provided by WAS.

I have directed the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) to continue working with the WAS through the Museum of Flight to expand our 2009 investment in the program. These funds should achieve the following outcomes:

- Expand interest in aerospace among K-12 students by supporting 125 students participating in the distance learning program, and 75 students participating in the summer residency program components of the WAS program.
- Ensure the ability of students to obtain college credit for their participating in the WAS program.
- Continue to increase collaboration between the WAS and the SBCTC.

With 77 percent of participating students choosing to earn an engineering degree in college, the program's results have demonstrated the value of continued investment. The success of the program will ensure that Washington State maintains its competitive aerospace workforce as well as provide invaluable educational opportunities for talented students from all across the state.

I support the WAS program and the efforts you have made to recruit the next generation of engineers from our state's high school students. Inspiring our students to explore careers in high-demand fields helps Washington retain its competitive edge in our global economy.



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It also allows our students to take full advantage of higher education opportunities available to them.

Thank you for your service to the WAS program.

Sincerely,



Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

cc: Charlie Earl, Director, SBCTC
Paul Trause, Commissioner, Employment Security Department ✓
Doug King, CEO and President, Museum of Flight