

NEWS ALERT

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College Hosts King County Executive

Aviation training hanger site of major press conference.

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King County Aerospace Alliance (KCAA) Press Conference

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 11:15 am

South Seattle Community College Aviation Training Hanger
Boeing Field, 8900 East Marginal Way South, Tukwila, WA 98108

King County Executive Dow Constantine and members of the [King County Aerospace Alliance](#) (KCAA) ... Seattle Community Colleges Chancellor Jill Wakefield ... South Seattle President Gary Oertli ... Tukwila Mayor Jim Haggerton ... Mayors of Renton, Kent, Auburn ... Marléna Sessions, Workforce Development Council ... Jeff Marcell, Enterprise Seattle ... Mary Alice Heuschel, Renton School District ... Dave Freiboth, MLK Labor Council ... Marsha Garrett, WSU West ... Larry Brown, Aerospace Machinists.

King County Executive Dow Constantine will release the final King County Aerospace Study produced by Accenture, as well as the KCAA Action Plan developed in response to Accenture's recommendations. Six specific action points have been cited as crucial to creating sustainability and fostering the long-term economic vitality, growth and global competitiveness of the local aerospace industry – a major and indispensable source of family-wage jobs in King County.

South has a long and rich history of producing Aviation Technicians. The aviation program began in the 1930's at Edison Technical College and transformed into the South Seattle Community College program in 1968. South's hangar at Boeing field is a unique public/private partnership that was the result of a \$1 million fundraising campaign by South's Foundation. Donors, volunteers and industry representatives all contributed to creating this partnership.