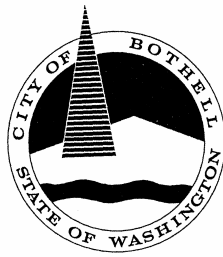


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Bothell Technology Corridor Designated as Innovation Partnership Zone by Governor Chris Gregoire

Bothell, Wash. - The Bothell Technology Corridor has been designated as a 2007 Innovation Partnership Zone by Governor Chris Gregoire, joining 10 other zones designated in the state as geographic areas that promote and develop the state's regional economies. The Zone designation recognizes the Bothell Biomedical Manufacturing Corridor for the establishment of a University of Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Technology Institute, principally to support medical device/ultra-sound manufacturing. Areas designated as Innovation Partnership Zones receive special access to state funding and resources. Designations last for four years and then a designee must reapply.

"This Innovation Partnership Zone designation is an accomplishment that acknowledges Bothell's unique qualifications and commitment to developing this emerging biomedical cluster," said City of Bothell City Manager Bob Stowe. "With this designation, we will build a stronger industry through enhanced training, improved real-world student experiences, new research and learning tools and promote the area world-wide for its innovation in biomedical manufacturing."

"Washington is home to some of the greatest innovations in the world and I am excited to support the continued success of our state's world-class companies," said Governor Gregoire. "We've seen what can happen when we bring together research, training and commerce, put them in a beaker and shake - Innovation Partnership Zones will be powerful economic engines to support our regional economies."

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Partners in the Bothell Zone include: City of Bothell, University of Washington Bothell, Cascadia Community College, Lake Washington Technical College, Snohomish County and King County Workforce Development Councils, King and Snohomish County Economic Development Departments, U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee, enterpriseSeattle, Snohomish County Economic Development Council, Washington Biotech and Biomedical Association (WBBA), and UWB Student Entrepreneurial Center. From the private sector, participants include Phillips Medial Systems, Nastech Pharmaceutical Company, Omeros Corporation, Pathway Medial Technologies, Inc., Sonus Pharmaceuticals, Vizx Labs, and EKOS Corporation as partners in the Zone.

The 10 other Zones include:

- Bellingham Innovation Zone, Port of Bellingham
- Grays Harbor Sustainable Industries Innovation Partnership Zone, Port of Grays Harbor
- Pullman Innovation Partnership Zone, Port of Whitman County
- Spokane University District Innovation Partnership Zone, Greater Spokane Inc.
- Walla Walla Valley Innovation Partnership Zone, City of Walla Walla.
- Aerospace Convergence Zone, Workforce Development Council Snohomish County
- Battelle, Sequim Marine Research Operations, Clallam Economic Development Council
- Discovery Corridor Innovation Zone/Steinmueller Innovation Park, Columbia River Economic Development Council.
- South Lake Union Life Science Innovation Partnership Zone, City of Seattle, Office of Economic Development
- Tri-Cities Innovation Zone, Port of Benton.

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