Human Resources honored twice in two months

Snohomish County’s Human Resources Department has again been honored, this time for its outplacement services offered to employees facing layoffs.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has recognized the department led by Bridget Clawson for its comprehensive suite of services to help employees find new employment as soon as possible. The program also provides resources to employees’ families, including training and community assistance.

The county’s Human Resources Department was recognized last month with the prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. Human Resources’ workplace flexibility programs help to maximize productivity with limited resources while supporting employees.

“Human resource departments nationwide are under considerable stress to provide increased services during this national recession,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Our department is leading the pack with its innovations, compassion and continued dedication to our employees and their families.”

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. This is the 41st year of its Achievement Award program.

Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. NACo's membership totals more than 2,000 counties, representing more than 80 percent of the nation's population.

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