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Human Resources wins national excellence award

Snohomish County’s Human Resources Department, led by Director Bridget Clawson, has won a prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility.

Clawson and members of the department will be honored during the 2010 Recipient Recognition Luncheon on June 30.

This top accolade from the When Work Works Initiative recognizes organizations that have set the standard for flexible work practices. Human Resources’ workplace flexibility programs help to maximize productivity with limited resources while supporting employees.

“Snohomish County must continue to do more with less, and Bridget Clawson’s team is making sure that happens,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Bridget and the Human Resources Department continue to find better ways departments can serve our residents while assisting employees with their needs.”

The result has been a consistent delivery of innovative and expanded programs during a time of staff reductions due to budget cuts. Human Resources’ flexibility programs have been recognized at both the local and national level.

“Especially during these difficult times, employees need more flexibility with work and family,” Clawson said. “Our goal is to create greater job satisfaction with continually improving customer service.”

The Puget Sound area was selected as one of 30 regions nationwide to participate in the fourth annual Sloan Awards as part of the When Work Works initiative. When Work Works is a national initiative bringing research on workplace effectiveness and flexibility into community and business practice.

When Work Works is a project of the Families and Work Institute in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Institute for a Competitive Workforce and the Twiga Foundation, with funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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