Grant Amount: \$762,659

Grantee: Tacoma-Pierce County Workforce Development Council

Leveraged Amount: \$700,000 in in-kind resources from partners

Key Partners: More than 20 organizations ranging from health providers to universities, community colleges, and workforce boards

Location of Grant Activities: Pierce County, WA

Challenge: Serious health care workforce shortages exist throughout the United States. Without a multi-pronged, regional approach, gaps in the health care workforce will not be filled.

Addressing the Challenge: With its \$762,659 grant, the Tacoma/Pierce County Workforce Development Council will implement four distinct projects to improve and expand the pool of qualified professionals in high-demand health care jobs. The first project confronts a clear need to train invasive cardiovascular technologists; the second targets current health care workers through a Comprehensive Career Coaching Program; the third seeks to establish connections through a Healthcare Educator Network; and the fourth project incorporates multiple strategies to reach out to minorities and youth.

Projected Outcomes:

- 15 students will be admitted into the Invasive Cardiovascular Technologist Program;
- The Healthcare Educator Network website will be developed and launched;
- Healthcare Occupations Workshop materials will be translated into Spanish, Korean, and Russian;
- 8 additional individuals will be enrolled in the Medical Rotation Program;
- A Health Summer Camp for youth will be launched;
- Minority youth participation in job shadow and volunteer programs will be increased by 10 percent.

