



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For The Establishment Of

THE FIVE STAR CONSORTIUM

We, the leaders of **Cascadia Community College, Edmonds Community College, Everett Community College, Lake Washington Technical College** and **Shoreline Community College**, are committed to the mission of community and technical colleges in the State of Washington. We recognize that through collaboration and coordination, we can better serve our students and our communities as we fulfill that mission. To that end, we hereby establish a consortium of our colleges, hereafter to be known as the **“Five Star Consortium,”** with the goal of maximizing efficiencies and promoting institutional coordination and collaboration.

As such, the member colleges of the Five Star Consortium agree, where prudent and feasible, to the following principles:

- ★ All students should be permitted to attend the member college of their choice.
- ★ Bureaucratic barriers for students attending any of the member colleges should be reduced and/or eliminated.
- ★ The strengths of the member colleges should be leveraged for resource development and community engagement.
- ★ Each member college will accept and honor the courses, credits and degrees earned by students at any other member college.
- ★ The member colleges will seek to align their programs, services and/or administrative functions with each other.

We mutually commit and pledge to seek specific coordination and collaboration projects that will be addressed through subsequent interagency agreements.

This memorandum of understanding is effective beginning July 1, 2010 and will remain in effect until one or more of the undersigned colleges withdraw, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, from the consortium.

President, Cascadia Community College

President, Edmonds Community College

President, Everett Community College

President, Lake Washington Technical College

President, Shoreline Community College