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**BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE RECEIVES A \$50,000 GRANT FROM ALCOA FOUNDATION FOR *BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WORKFORCE: RENEWABLE ENERGY LAB***

BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, October 15, 2010 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is pleased to announce a \$50,000 grant from Alcoa Foundation. This grant, awarded through Alcoa Intalco Works in Ferndale, contributes essential equipment for BTC to build a cutting edge renewable Energy Lab. The lab will be used by multiple industrial and technical degree programs to teach renewable energy concepts and skills including solar and wind technology. BTC will receive two \$25,000 payments over a two year period.

“The Alcoa Foundation grant is another wonderful example of Alcoa’s commitment to workforce education and sustainability and a valued partnership with Bellingham Technical College. This project will have a significant impact on assisting BTC in *greening* our workforce degree curriculum with state-of-the-art equipment illustrating renewable energy theory, concepts and skills,” said Dr. Patricia McKeown, Bellingham Technical College Interim President.

“We are pleased to continue our partnership with BTC by supporting the development of the ‘green collar’ workforce. The project demonstrates BTC’s focus on evolving its curriculum to meet the changing needs of our society,” said Barry Hullett, Plant Manager, Alcoa Intalco Works.

**About Alcoa Foundation**

Alcoa Foundation is one of the largest corporate foundations in the U.S., with assets of approximately US \$420 million. In addition to addressing local needs in communities where Alcoa operates, Alcoa Foundation is focused on promoting environmental stewardship, enabling economic and social sustainability, and preparing tomorrow's leaders through education and learning. Alcoa Foundation was founded more than 50 years ago and has invested more than US \$515 million since 1952. [www.alcoa.com](http://www.alcoa.com)

**About Bellingham Technical College**

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers 34 associate degree and 57 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to [www.btc.ctc.edu](http://www.btc.ctc.edu)

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