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BTC TO HOST INFO SESSIONS APRIL 21 & MAY 3 FOR NEW CLEAN ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAM

Free Event. Bellingham, Washington—People interested in getting training for the green jobs of the future can attend one of two information sessions about Bellingham Technical College’s new Engineering Technology: Clean Energy degree program.

The Clean Energy info sessions will take place in BTC’s Campus Center building, room 233:

- 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3

The sessions will include information about the new program and its requirements, as well as clean energy career options and transfer possibilities.

The Clean Energy program was approved by the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in March, and classes for the program will begin in Fall 2016. This new two-year program will include hands-on instruction in electronics, as well as courses in clean energy, math and science. Students also will have the opportunity to work with Western Washington University’s Institute for Energy Studies on a variety of projects.

“Renewable energy is a dynamic and growing sector of the economy, and we’re excited to provide an opportunity for our students to train to be a part of it — and to give them a seamless transfer pathway to earn a bachelor’s degree at Western,” BTC President Kimberly Perry said.

BTC’s Clean Energy program was paid for in part by a \$200,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to respond to the immediate and growing need for sustainable energy technology training at all levels. Program graduates will be prepared for electronics technician jobs with a focus on clean energy, or they can transfer to

Western's Institute for Energy Studies to pursue a bachelor's degree in Energy Policy and Management.

"BTC has included clean energy aspects in several of our programs, including electrician, process technology and automotive technology," Vice President of Instruction Frank Powers said. "Being able to provide a full clean energy program is a smart step to fill an increasing need for skilled electronics technicians in our region and beyond."

For more information about the Clean Energy Information Sessions or the program, contact instructor Jill Davishahl at 360.752.8575 or jdavishahl@btc.edu

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, electronics, mechanical engineering, and technology and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC offers 37 associate degrees and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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