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Bellingham Technical Collages Receives Scholarship Gift from ConocoPhillips Ferndale Refinery Supporting its Advanced Manufacturing Programs

BELLINGHAM, WA, December 8, 2008 –Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is pleased to announce a \$50,000 endowed scholarship gift from ConocoPhillips Ferndale Refinery.

As part of its continued effort to support technical education in Whatcom County and build a qualified workforce for future jobs in the energy industry, ConocoPhillips and its Ferndale Refinery have established a \$50,000 scholarship endowment at Bellingham Technical College. Earnings from the endowment will be used to award scholarships to qualified students who enroll in BTC’s Process Technology or Instrumentation and Control Technology programs.

The \$50,000 scholarship endowment is ConocoPhillips’ second significant investment in local technical education this year. In February 2008, ConocoPhillips donated \$50,000 to fund: four complete scholarships at BTC for qualified members of the Lummi Nation; construction of a pilot distillation plant at the College, and; informational materials to better inform prospective students about opportunities in the technology programs at BTC.

ConocoPhillips has long championed BTC’s Advanced Manufacturing programs through cash and in-kind gifts, and service on advisory committees. The endowed scholarship gift from ConocoPhillips is another example of the company’s commitment to educate and train more people from the local community for future openings in operations and maintenance at its Ferndale refinery. “An increasing number of our employees will retire during the next decade and we want to hire locally to fill those positions,” said Marjorie Hatter, manager of ConocoPhillips’ Ferndale refinery.

About ConocoPhillips

ConocoPhillips is an international, integrated energy company with interests around the world. In Whatcom County, ConocoPhillips employs more than 400 people at its Ferndale Refinery. For more information, go to www.conocophillips.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

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