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Fambles Hired as W.I.R.E.D Director

OLYMPIA – Cheryl Batalon Fambles has been named as the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Director by the Pacific Mountain Alliance for Innovation (PMAI). Cheryl will direct the everyday operations of the three-year, \$5 million WIRED grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Throughout the country, WIRED grants fund regional initiatives that build partnerships among industry, economic development agencies, educational institutions, and the workforce system. Specific activities will create a more skilled workforce; promote innovation and a regional identity that enhances our region’s global competitiveness.

“Cheryl is a dynamic leader. Her inclusive style and demonstrated success in achieving results will greatly assist the Pacific Mountain region in its implementation of the WIRED vision”, said Mike Kennedy, Executive Director of the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council.

Cheryl previously held positions as Director of Cooperative Work Experience/Internships at South Puget Sound Community College, Director of King County Department of Construction and Facilities Management, Deputy City Administrator for the City of Issaquah and Assistant Public Works Director in Thurston County. Cheryl attended the Senior Executive Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She holds a Masters in Public Administration degree from Baruch College in New York where she was a National Urban Fellow. She completed her Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree at The Evergreen State College and graduated from Yelm High School. Cheryl and her husband enjoy living on Eld Inlet and tandem biking.

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