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## *SnoStat* puts it all on-line for Snohomish County government watchers

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*Reardon hails second phase of services; by providing citizens with data, County now more transparent and accountable than at any time in history*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has launched phase two of *SnoStat*, a system aimed at giving citizens on-line access to the same data on which County officials base their decisions.

And, in a demonstration of the efficiency the County is generating through the expanded use of information technology, *SnoStat* is coming on-line fully a month earlier than anticipated.

“Citizens who go to our *SnoStat* website will be getting the most up-to-date, detailed information on the inner workings of County government that has ever been made available to the public,” Reardon said. “Our government is driven by data. And our citizens have a right to see the data that is driving it.”

The *SnoStat* home page is at [www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/County\\_Services/SnoStat/](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/County_Services/SnoStat/).

Reardon noted that Snohomish County was just named one of America's 10 most tech-savvy county governments, an honor he said the County will build on in coming years. The launch of *SnoStat's* second phase keeps a promise Reardon made during his State of the County address in January that he would use information technology to open government to citizens.

*SnoStat* debuted in March when three County departments – Corrections, Planning and Development Services, and Public Works – went live. In the phase two launch, citizens can now review performance measures for the remaining nine departments in County government. They include:

- Parks and Recreation;
- Human Services;
- Human Resources;
- Public Defense;
- Airport;

- Facilities Management;
- Information Services;
- Finance; and,
- Medical Examiner.

By accessing data from the Parks and Recreation Department, a citizen can learn how many people have made reservations for park services on-line; how volunteers and inmate labor are deployed to reduce costs; when County parks are most heavily used; how park and facilities at the Evergreen State Fairground are being maintained; participation in youth programs; and, how often the Fairgrounds are scheduled for public events.

For the Snohomish County Airport at Paine Field, citizens can monitor whether the facility is making its 2004 revenue goals; the number of takeoffs and landings; how many times the fire department is called out and the occupancy rate of its hangars.

“This is the sort of data on which County managers are making decisions,” Reardon said. “*SnoStat* let’s citizens see how their government is performing, whether it is meeting specific goals that have been set, whether it is achieving performance measures.”

A third *SnoStat* phase is expected to be introduced by April 2005. In that phase, *SnoStat* will be integrated with the County budget. Within a year, citizens will be able to look at the County’s budget and determine whether fiscal goals are being met.

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