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Reardon commended for new jobs, environmental stewardship

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon was honored Thursday night during the annual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) dinner for the creation of new jobs through environmental stewardship.

Dave Sauter, chairman of the Klickitat County board of commissioners, presented Reardon with the honor as a thank-you for “your environmental stewardship and for sustaining Washington’s workforce.”

Snohomish County has long been a leader in job creation and environmental stewardship. Despite a national recession, the county has created more than 600 new jobs in the past year, including this year’s move of Korry Electronics to Snohomish County. New equipment for creating biofuel also is online, giving local farmers a new, economically viable crop to grow.

“One of the most important issues affecting counties across our state is the economy and jobs,” Reardon said. “As locally elected officials, we must take the necessary action to defend and grow Washington state’s economy and to create new jobs. We cannot wait for those in Olympia and the other Washington.”

Snohomish County also has been an instrumental partner in the successful creation of a renewable energy project at the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in Klickitat County. Together with Klickitat County officials, the Klickitat PUD and Allied Waste Services, local trash is being converted into electricity, reducing the effects of climate change and creating new jobs across the state.

“Snohomish County’s direction is such a big part of our success story today. When the energy plant was fired up and ready to go, Snohomish County stood ready,” Sauter said in remarks Thursday night. “On behalf of Klickitat County, the Klickitat PUD and everyone at Allied Waste Services, a big, big thank you for your environmental stewardship and for sustaining Washington’s workforce.”

Reardon also was honored recently by the National Center for Civic Innovation for the county’s creation of a successful performance measurements and financial reporting process. SnoStat, the county’s accountability and transparency system, is guided by the principle that Snohomish County must measure, evaluate and communicate the effectiveness of its services and programs to its residents.

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