



**Senator Maria Cantwell
Invites you to attend a US Senate Committee on
Science and Transportation Field Hearing on**

**The Aviation Workforce:
Training Needs and Challenges**

**Monday - October 24, 2011
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

RSVP's are requested for your attendance
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**Museum of Flight
William M. Allen Theatre
9404 E Marginal Way S
Seattle, WA 98108**

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Getting There:

The Museum of Flight is located at 9404 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, Exit 158 off Interstate 5. Free parking is available adjacent to the Museum and Airpark. By Bus- From either downtown or Tukwila Station, take METRO Bus #124. The bus has a stop directly in front of the Museum.



Access to the William M. Allen Theatre will be free to guests. There is a general admission fee to tour the rest of the museum.



U.S. SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL

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**** MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH AT 10:00 AM IN SEATTLE ****

Cantwell to Hold Field Hearing on Closing the Aviation Job Skills Gap

*Cantwell, WA state aviation leaders to examine strategies to build a
21st century aviation workforce*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Monday, October 24, 2011, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Chair of the Aviation Operations, Safety and Security Subcommittee, will hold a U.S. Senate field hearing at the Museum of Flight titled, “The Aviation Workforce: Training Needs and Challenges.”

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WITNESS LIST:

Panel I:

Mr. Tom McCarty, President, Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA), International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 2001

Mr. Mark Seiber, Plant Manager, GE Aviation, Yakima, WA

Mr. Randall Julin, General Manager, Absolute Aviation Service, Spokane, WA

Mr. Jim Bearden, Administrative Assistant, Aerospace Machinists Industrial – District Lodge 75, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

Panel II:

Mr. James Hermanson, Chair, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, University of Washington

Mr. Michael Greenwood, Senior Manager, Aerospace Academic Alignment Team, The Boeing Company

Ms. Laura Hopkins, Executive Director, Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee

Ms. Cyndi Schaeffer, Executive Director, Edmonds Community College Business and Training Center

Mr. Joe Dunlap, President, Spokane Community College

Ms. Reba Gilman, Principal and Chief Executive Office, Aviation High School, Des Moines, WA

*Not necessarily in order of appearance.

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