

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 - Update



The Recovery Act is intended to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery and to assist those most impacted by the recession.

### Congressman Rick Larsen Visits With Summer Youth Jobs Program Interns



Congressman Rick Larsen was pleased to be greeted by a WorkSource summer intern upon his arrival at Lynden City Hall. That afternoon Congressman Larsen took the opportunity to meet with a number of young adults in the Summer Jobs program and to learn firsthand how ARRA funding was at work in local communities. Intern worksites included the Lynden Pioneer Museum, the City of Lynden, Lynden Senior Center, the Lynden School District, and the WWU Vehicle Research Institute. WorkSource interns enjoyed sharing their employment experiences and thanking him for his support of ARRA. Interns told personal stories of how their jobs made a valuable contribution to their families, community, green energy projects, and non-profit organizations.

Comments heard:

- *"This summer job meant security to me. It helped me and my Mom keep our house and relieved some financial stress."*
- *"I got to learn and experience new things to better my future, and the money helps me get ready for tuition costs for college."*

### THANK YOU TO WORKSITE HOSTS!

WorkSource and the Northwest Workforce Council offer our appreciation to each of the 110 employers who hosted a Summer Youth Jobs Program Intern. Young adults in the program worked at 188 different job sites offering meaningful work across the Northwest region.

Your participation made it possible for 351 young adults to learn workplace skills and behaviors. Your supervision and mentorship provided a strong foundation of employment competencies and an appreciation for the discipline of work. In turn, Summer Jobs Interns provided a valuable service to host worksites and their communities.

### Mount Vernon Downtown Revitalization Project

**"The City of Mount Vernon appreciates the efforts of our summer interns and WorkSource staff. I have had many positive comments on what a great job they have done this summer. The Mayor made the comment, 'Downtown has not looked this good in a long time.' The WorkSource crew made the difference. I want to thank you for this great working relationship." — Bill Maikai, City Work Program Supervisor, City of Mount Vernon**



City of Oak Harbor  
Engineering Dept. Interns at Work