

## Centers of Excellence Core Expectations

<b>Core Expectations of Every Center</b>	<p><b>Economic Development Focus:</b> <i>Serve as partners with various state and local agencies, regional, national, and global organizations to support economic vitality and competitiveness in Washington’s driver industries.</i></p> <p><b>Industry Sector Strategy Focus:</b> <i>Collaboratively build, expand and leverage industry, labor and community and technical college partnerships to support and promote responsive, rigorous, and relevant workforce education and training.</i></p> <p><b>Education, Innovation and Efficiency Focus:</b> <i>Leverage resources and educational partnerships to create efficiencies and support development of curriculum and innovative delivery of educational strategies to build a diverse and competitive workforce.</i></p> <p><b>Workforce Supply/Demand Focus:</b> <i>Research, analyze and disseminate information related to training capacity, skill gaps, trends, and best practices within each industry sector to support a viable new and incumbent workforce.</i></p>
<b>Basic Functions</b>	<p>Every Center will :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish a primarily industry-based Advisory Board with appropriate labor representation.</li> <li>2. Convene, problem solve and disseminate industry-specific solutions with other agencies and groups as appropriate.</li> <li>3. Provide and solicit updates to stakeholders on a regular basis.</li> <li>4. Provide maximum efficiency and leverage available resources to support operations, new initiatives and emerging trends.</li> <li>5. Be an effective broker among all colleges.</li> <li>6. Continue to be a resource for the K12 system.</li> <li>7. Maintain an accessible, highly functional, and relevant website.</li> </ol>
<b>Implementation</b>	<p>Each center will develop an annual work plan with measureable outcomes in the context of the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Core expectations.</li> <li>2. Guidance of each center’s industry advisory group.</li> <li>3. State’s initiatives on job creation.</li> <li>4. State Board’s priorities.</li> <li>5. Community and Technical College system’s priorities for developing career pathways and other innovative practices.</li> </ol>