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Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance presents Award to MRJ



Hitoshi "Hank" Iwasa, COO & Head of Moses Lake Flight Test Center, accepts the Inspire Award from PNAA on behalf of Mitsubishi.

Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance (PNAA) is a coalition of aerospace companies that serve North America's largest commercial aerospace manufacturing cluster.

On May 28, 2019 PNAA took a bus tour across Washington State to tour Mitsubishi Aircraft in Moses Lake and to

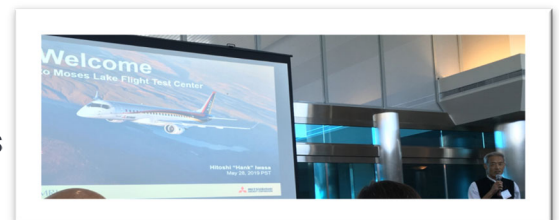
attend the Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium, I-90 Corridor Aerospace Conference & Expo in Coeur d'Alene.

During the stop in Moses Lake, Mitsubishi was able to present about the Moses Lake flight center as well as their community involvement for STEM education. For their dedication to the Aerospace industry and STEM education, PNAA presented Mitsubishi with their Inspire Award.

PNAA's Inspire Award honors businesses and individuals in the aerospace community that have shown exceptional creativity in working with schools to share the activities of manufacturing in to cultivate interest and skills leading to aerospace careers.

Partnering with Big Bend Community College and the Port of Moses Lake, Mitsubishi Aircraft launched its first educational STEM event with Reach for the Stars with STEM in 2017. The event welcomed 600 ninth grade students to learn about STEM careers from aerospace professionals, including a retired NASA astronaut, and explore a Life Flight helicopter, firetrucks, and an MRJ flight test aircraft. In conjunction with the event, two high school students won a fully sponsored week-long visit to advanced Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mitsubishi Aircraft continues to contribute to local STEM education and awareness of aviation career opportunities. The company has established four \$2,500 scholarships at the local community college. The company's flight test pilots and mechanics attend Moses Lake career events and job fairs to explain their trades and job opportunities in aviation to local students.



Hitoshi "Hank" Iwasa presents at the Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation Showcase in Moses Lake to PNAA members and the local community.



Small Business Development Center Business Advising Day

Allan Peterson, the advisor for the Small Business Development Center in Moses Lake located within the Grant County Economic Development Council is hosting a traveling SBDC Business Advising Day quarterly.

Peterson sets up four time slots for

the local businesses to come in and meet one-on-one with him for the day. "This is a great way to start the conversation with businesses that are farther away from my office," said Peterson. "After the initial meeting, we can set up a digital video call when the client wants to continue the business advising."

Peterson has set up Advising Days in Warden, Mattawa, Grand Coulee/ Electric City and Quincy.

To find out more about local advising days in your area call 509-762.6040 or email allan.peterson@wsbdc.org.



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Transportation Funding Sources in Washington State

Washington State Department of Transportation has released a pdf with multiple founding sources for Transportation in the State of Washington. Funding sources include the Washington Department of Commerce, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Health and the WSDOT.

Over the course of seven pages, this

document details funding programs for an many diverse projects. Projects include:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Freight Rail Investment Bank Program

- Public Transportation Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Small City Sidewalk Program

And many more! Each program has a basic description and who is eligible for the funding and contact information for WSDOT to obtain more information.

The packet is available at the following website link.

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2017/01/19/TransportationFundingSourcesinWashingtonState4.pdf>



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