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For Immediate Release:

The Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hires new Business Advisor to serve the Bremerton Area.

The Washington SBDC is pleased to announce that Elaine Jones will be joining its statewide network to provide small business advising services in the Bremerton service area. Elaine will begin work in the position in October. The Bremerton SBDC office has been vacant since the departure of the previous advisor in 2009.

Elaine brings a unique skill set to assist Bremerton area small businesses. She is a Washington native who is coming “home” from Austin, Texas after owning a technology commercialization advising firm there since 1996. She holds an MBA and MS in Technology Commercialization from the University of Texas and has served as a reviewer for Small Business Innovation Research grants. Elaine is fluent in Spanish, providing translation services for the office of the President of Mexico, and has worked with Native American communities.

“Elaine is engaging and energetic and we believe she will provide outstanding advising services to the Bremerton area,” says Brett Rogers, SBDC State Director. “Her interesting and diverse background will enable her to reach a broader range of businesses and address their individual issues. The additional expertise available to her through our statewide network of business advisors will further enhance the quality of the service she will provide. We’re excited to have Elaine join the WSBDC, and believe that she will be a great addition to our knowledgeable and dedicated group of expert business advisors.”

The Bremerton SBDC will be co-located with the WSU Kitsap County Extension Office, 345 Sixth Street, Ste. 550 in Bremerton. Advising services will be available by appointment when Ms. Jones completes her relocation from Texas.

The SBDC provides no-charge confidential advising and low-cost training to current and prospective business owners. It is a cooperative effort between Washington State University, community colleges, economic development organizations, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. For more information on the mission and services of the SBDC visit the network Web site at: <http://www.wsbdc.org>.

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