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## **Washington Energy and Defense Alliance hosts representatives from enterpriseSeattle and Congressman Jay Inslee's Office**

### **Newly formed organization focuses on Washington State's Energy and Defense Industry challenges and opportunities**

The newly created Washington Energy and Defense Alliance (<http://www.washingtoneda.org>) will be having its second meeting on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> in downtown Seattle.

Stephen Gerritson, the Clean Energy and Technology Practice Manager for enterpriseSeattle will be joining the organization to discuss his efforts and work on energy issues in the state. The nexus of his efforts, those of enterpriseSeattle, and our goals and objectives for WEDA are very much intertwined.

In addition to Stephen, Pete Mills from Congressman Jay Inslee's Office will also join us to share with the group the Congressman's work on important energy and defense related issues. Congressman Inslee has been a leader on key energy initiatives in Congress. He recently authored the book *Apollo's Fire*, which addresses the need for a thriving policy and technology environment in order to realize clean and efficient energy solutions for the future.

"We are honored to have these two individuals join us for our next meeting," said Christina Lomasney, CEO of Seattle-based Modumetal and a leader in organizing WEDA. "The importance of synergy and networking with stakeholders in our State's energy and defense industry, including our political and economic leaders, is paramount. The mission of WEDA is to bring together important voices to share ideas, purpose and passion and to realize a thriving industrial, small business, research and policy environment for energy and defense innovation in Washington State."

### **The following are details regarding Monday's meeting:**

When: Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Time: 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Location: Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 2200, Seattle, WA

The Washington Energy and Defense Alliance is an emerging non-profit alliance, which aims to support a local network of individuals, firms, universities and coalitions which are actively involved in energy production, alternative energy development and national security and defense. Washington EDA seeks to recognize the intersection of national security and energy independence issues and to bring visibility to the unique solutions that exist in Washington State. The ultimate goal of the Washington EDA is to nurture and expand Washington's science, technology and job base and further promote Washington State's industry participation in delivering energy and defense solutions to the national market.

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