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## **T-Mobile Expands in Bothell, Snohomish County**

*T-Mobile USA Expands its Information Technology (IT) Center of Excellence in Bothell, Wash.*

Bothell, Wash. – Wireless telecommunications company T-Mobile USA, Inc. recently announced a plan to relocate its Information Technology (IT) Center of Excellence to Bothell's Canyon Park in spring 2009. The move consolidates several hundred high-tech jobs from facilities across the region to the City of Bothell and Snohomish County.

"T-Mobile's decision to expand its Information Technology footprint in the City of Bothell demonstrates our ability to attract and retain high-tech industry leaders," said City of Bothell Mayor Mark Lamb. "With this announcement, the City of Bothell continues to build on our proud history and investment in scientific discovery and innovation."

"T-Mobile has had a presence in Bothell for many years and this decision speaks to our confidence in the City's investment in the development of the area," said Robert Strickland, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for T-Mobile USA. "We look forward to becoming a stronger part of the Bothell community."

The company has signed lease agreements for several newly constructed, unoccupied office spaces in the Canyon Park/Bothell area. This move holds the potential to make a larger economic impact in the region consistent with Bothell's overall growth plan to increase technology jobs.

In 2007, there were approximately 1,400 wireless telecommunications jobs in Snohomish County. This expansion represents a 50 percent increase in wireless telecommunications jobs in the county. The Snohomish County Economic Development Council (EDC) estimates that for each wireless

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telecommunications job added, one additional job is created within the community.

"T-Mobile's decision to expand in Bothell further validates the Technology Corridor designation established when the business parks were initially developed," stated EDC Vice President Matt Smith.

The City of Bothell, EDC of Snohomish County and Workforce Development Council Snohomish County worked collaboratively to provide support to T-Mobile USA.

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