Kate Adams  
**Tax Policy Specialist, Washington State Department of Revenue**  
Kate Adams is a tax policy specialist at the Washington State Department of Revenue. As a member of the department’s Legislation and Policy Division, she assists in the development and review of tax legislation and policy determinations for paymasters and other intercompany transactions.  

Her work for DOR has included significant work with the aviation community on the 2010 “tax avoidance” legislation.  

Ms. Adams received her law degree from Seattle University in 2000 and worked as a private practice business attorney before joining DOR. She also served for eighteen months as an Assistant Attorney General for the Revenue Division of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office.  

Tom Dent  
**Owner, Tom Dent Aviation, LLC / Association of Washington Business**  
Tom Dent is the owner of Tom Dent Aviation LLC located in Moses Lake. Established in 1977, Tom Dent Aviation provides professional pilot service, flight instruction and aerial application.  

Mr. Dent is a professional pilot holding an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and is a certified flight instructor.  

He is also the owner of Flying T Ranch LLC located northeast of Moses Lake, where he raises and sells grass fed beef and bison.  

He is a commissioner for the Moses Lake Municipal Airport, a member of the Association of Washington Business, the Grant County Sheriff’s Posse and many other professional organizations.
**John Dobson**  
*Executive Director, Port of Shelton / Washington Public Ports Association*

John Dobson is the executive director for the Port of Shelton. Working for a three-member elected commission his responsibilities include the operations, maintenance, administration and use of all of the Port’s properties and facilities; they include Sanderson Field, a 1000 acre (NPIAS) airport and industrial park; Johns Prairie, a 400 acre heavy industrial park; and the Oakland Bay Marina. He has a strong background in aviation, marketing, finance and business management.

As a general aviation pilot and aircraft owner Mr. Dobson has served on numerous committees and boards for the Washington Pilots Association. From May 2007 through February 2011 he served as state president and has a wide network of aviation relationships.

After graduating from Oregon Technical Institute with a Bachelor’s degree in Automotive Engineering he began working in the private sector. He first worked for Toyota Motor Sales USA in Los Angeles and later traveled extensively throughout the Northwest. He also worked for Subaru of America and finally as the Area manager for Avis Rent-a-Car Systems Inc. In 1991 he started his own company, Members Only, Inc. (1991 – present), a marketing and consulting company.

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**Mike Ehl**  
*Operations Manager, Seattle Tacoma International Airport*

Michael Ehl is director of aviation operations at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, overseeing all airfield, terminal and landside operations and facilities. Mr. Ehl’s team of 300 is also responsible for air cargo, air service development, customer service, and serves as the primary airline liaison for the Port of Seattle’s Aviation Division.

Prior to joining the airport, he served in a number of managerial and customer service positions with America West Airlines from 1984-1992.

Mr. Ehl has an M.B.A. from Seattle University and a B.S. in Aviation Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a graduate of Seattle University’s Executive Leadership Program, and is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) in the American Association of Airport Executives.
**Mike Ennis**  
*Government Affairs Director, Transportation & Environmental Policy / Association of Washington Business*

Mike Ennis is the Association of Washington Business’ director of government affairs on transportation and environmental issues, including water resources and air quality. He joined AWB in 2013.

Before joining AWB, Mr. Ennis was the director of transportation policy at Washington Policy Center, a free-market think tank based in Seattle. He has authored numerous studies on transportation policy in Washington, and his work has been covered in many local and national media outlets, including The Seattle Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Investor’s Business Daily, as well as on CNN and Bloomberg News.

Mr. Ennis served in the U.S. Army with the 2nd Ranger Battalion and is currently in his third term on the Enumclaw City Council. He earned his Bachelor’s degree and his Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Washington.

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**Jamelle Garcia**  
*President, Washington Aviation Association*

Jamelle Garcia is the executive director of the Washington Aviation Association - a non-profit organization to represent and assist the general aviation community. Now in its 32nd year, the WAA’s Aviation Conference & Trade Show uses more than 100,000 square feet and five seminar rooms at the Puyallup fairgrounds. WAA also operate an Anti-drug & Alcohol Consortium for companies that the DOT/FAA requires for covered staff.

In 1981 Mr. Garcia purchased Auburn Flight Service from Seattle Flight Service and assumed the responsibilities as president and owner. While at Auburn, he created Northwest Aviation College, gained state authorization and received national accreditation for an associate degree in Aviation Flight Technology. He also purchased Sky Services, a closed maintenance shop located on the south end of the airport. In 2004, he created Airport Management Group, which manages the Auburn Municipal Airport for the City of Auburn on a day-to-day basis.
John Gowey  
*Director of Seaplane Operations, Kenmore Air*

John Gowey is the director of seaplane operations for Kenmore Air Harbor, located in Seattle. He began work for Kenmore in 1990.

After first working for the company as a flight instructor, Mr. Gowey became a line pilot in 1992, flying scheduled and chartered seaplane flights throughout the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada in DeHavilland Beaver and Otter aircraft. Mr. Gowey served as Chief Pilot for Kenmore Air from 2003 until 2012, when he was named the company’s director of seaplane operations. In addition to his administrative duties, he still logs about 500 hours of seaplane flight time per year. Mr. Gowey earned his Journalism degree from the University of Washington in 1986.

Heather Hansen  
*Lobbyist, Association of Washington Aerial Applicators*

Heather Hansen has managed her own government relations firm since 1997 specializing in agricultural, natural resource, and tax issues at both the state and federal levels. Clients include the Association of Washington Aerial applicators. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Ruckelshaus Center and the Washington State University College of Agriculture Human and Natural Resource Sciences Kitchen Cabinet.

Ms. Hansen has received awards for grassroots organizing, promoting agriculture and excellence in legislative and government affairs from various national agricultural organizations.

Ms. Hansen earned both Bachelors and Masters degrees from Washington State University. She served on the faculty of Utah State University and the University of Arizona as a county extension agent. She is an alumnus of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program.

Kandace Harvey  
*Owner, Harvey Field / Washington Airport Management Association*

Kandace Harvey is the current president of the Washington Airport Management Association. She is also a licensed pilot and the owner of Harvey Field, a privately-owned public-use airport. Harvey Field is home to 290 aircraft and conducts annual operations in excess of 139,000.

Ms. Harvey is the past president of the Snohomish Community Food Bank and Snohomish Senior Center Board of Directors. She is a current East County Board Member for Housing Hope. Ms. Harvey resides on the Harvey family Homestead (settled in 1859) known today as Harvey Field.
Kristi Ivey  
**NW Regional Representative, Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association**

Kristi Ivey joined the National Business Aviation Association in 2007. She serves as the NW regional representative for NBAA members in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Founded in 1947 and based in Washington, DC, NBAA is the leading organization for companies that rely on general aviation aircraft to help make their businesses more efficient, productive and successful.

Ms. Ivey currently serves as NBAA’s liaison for multiple independent regional business aviation groups in the Northwest, including the Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association (PNBAA), which covers Washington and Oregon.

Prior to joining NBAA, Ms. Ivey was the flight operations supervisor for The Home Depot Aviation Department in Atlanta, Georgia. She is an instrument-rated private pilot, with an aircraft dispatcher’s license, and a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management from Auburn University.

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Robert Kay  
**Washington State Liaison, Recreational Aviation Foundation**

Robert Kay is the state liaison for the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF), an all-volunteer, non-profit foundation dedicated to preserving, protecting and establishing backcountry airstrips nationwide. The RAF was instrumental in passing recent state legislation to include recreational aviation liability protections in the Washington State Recreational Use Statute. He is the RAF national representative for getting the RUS in all remaining states changed to include aviation.

Mr. Kay has nearly 50 years’ experience flying worldwide and in the Pacific Northwest. He is retired from a 32-year career as a pilot in the Washington Air National Guard flying fighters and tankers. He previously worked for the Boeing Aircraft Co., spending 22 years as a production test pilot and flight instructor.

Mr. Kay also spent 10 years as a general contractor in Spokane building homes and commercial buildings. He is currently the owner of KayCo WorldWide, LLC, developers of lightweight backpacking equipment. Mr. Kay has an undergraduate degree in Math and Economics, and a Master of Science in Aviation Operations.
Stephen Kiehl
Principal Planner, Puget Sound Regional Council

Stephen Kiehl is the principal planner for the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). He has been with the Regional Council for 16 years. His work has focused on planning for the regional airport system. As project manager, Mr. Kiehl has produced the following plans and studies: Regional Airport System Plan, Airport Ground Access Plan, Strategic Plan for Aviation, Regional Air Cargo Strategy, Airport Compatible Land Use Program Update, and “Preparing Busy General Aviation Airports for Next Generation Technologies.”

Prior to joining PSRC Mr. Kiehl spent 18 years doing transportation planning for consulting firms, focused on planning for airports. He also worked for San Mateo County California, and since returning to the Seattle region in 1973 has done planning work for King County and the city of Redmond.

Mr. Kiehl holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University and a Master’s Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan. Mr. Kiehl has been an active member of the American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners, and the Transportation Research Board’s Aviation System Planning Committee.

David Ketchum
Senior Planner, T-O Engineers / Washington Community Airports Association

David Ketchum is the founder and chairman of the Washington Community Airports Association. He joined T-O Engineers in 2012 after operating Airside, Inc. for 36 years. He has over 46 years of military, corporate and commercial aviation experience as pilot, aviation manager, facility designer and consultant.

Mr. Ketchum was presented with the International Illuminating Engineering Society’s (IES) National Aviation Safety Award in San Francisco for designs at five Washington hospital heliports. He received the IES’s “Best Technical Paper” award for a presentation about the continued refinement of the global positioning system (GPS) in general aviation at an IES conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is nationally recognized for his work with emergency medical service heliport facilities

Mr. Ketchum is a pilot and a former U. S. Air Force flight officer. He has a Bachelor’s of Science degree from the University of California College of Letters and Science.
Linda Lanham  
*Executive Director, Aerospace Futures Alliance of Washington*

Linda Lanham is the executive director of AFA of Washington. She applies most of her energy to influencing policies in Olympia to keep the region attractive to Boeing and other aerospace companies.

AFA’s member base includes about 300 companies. Its board includes representatives from the Boeing Co., Aviation Technical Services and Rockwell Collins. Non-aerospace representatives include community colleges, hotels and banks.

James Lucci  
*Communications Center Supervisor, Airlift Northwest*

James Lucci is the communications center supervisor at Airlift Northwest, which is the premier air medical transport service for Washington, Alaska, Idaho, and Montana. His prior work experience includes over a decade in a 911 communication center serving as a trainer, a technology supervisor and section lead and operations supervisor. He also spent 7 years as a reserve police officer and was certified as an emergency medical technician.

Mr. Lucci’s daily duties of managing the regional communications center for Airlift are augmented by overseeing the company's pre-hospital care outreach program. He also sits on numerous committees, further demonstrating his dedication to improving safety and education for the air medical industry.

Megan Ouellette  
*Managing Director of Government, Community Relations, Alaska Airlines*

Megan Ouellette is the managing director of government and community relations for Alaska Airlines.

Ms. Ouellette joined Alaska Airlines from the congressional staff of former U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt, where she was responsible for air transportation and homeland security issues. An attorney, Ouellette previously worked in the law offices of Winterbauer & Diamond PLLC, Seattle, and she served on the staff of former U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton.

Ms. Ouellette is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, having earned a Juris Doctor degree (Cum Laude) from the Seattle University College, Dublin. She received her Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Political Science at the University of Washington.
Alex Pietsch  
*Director, Governor’s Office of Aerospace*

Alex Pietsch is the director of the Governor’s Office of Aerospace. He was appointed to the position in March 2012 by Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire. In his capacity as the director of the Office of Aerospace, Mr. Pietsch works to coordinate activities and promote growth of the aerospace industry throughout Washington. In addition, he helps direct the Washington Aerospace Partnership, a collaboration between government, business and labor to realize its vision of Washington—the recognized worldwide center of excellence in aerospace innovation, design, and manufacturing.

Prior to assuming this role, Mr. Pietsch served as the Administrator of the City of Renton’s Department of Community and Economic Development, which has oversight of all land use planning and building activities in the city, economic development, and intergovernmental relations. He was responsible for the city’s award-winning community marketing campaign: “Renton. Ahead of the Curve.”

Mr. Pietsch came to Renton from Wright Runstad & Company, a leading developer of commercial office properties in the Pacific Northwest, where he worked as marketing and public relations manager. He began his career in television news, working in Flagstaff, Ariz., Bishop, Calif., and Yakima, Wash., where he was a news anchor and reporter for the local ABC affiliate.

Mr. Pietsch holds a Bachelor’s degree in History and Communication from Washington State University.

Jamie Schmunk  
*Mayor, Town of Lind / Washington State Community Airports Association*

Jamie Schmunk is the mayor of the Town of Lind, WA. This is her fourth year as mayor and she is running for re-election. Lind, population 564, is a small town in eastern Washington in the heart of dry land wheat country. Lind is home of the world famous Combine Demolition Derby that is held annually on the second weekend of June. 2014 will be the 27th anniversary of that event.

Shmunk wears several others hats in addition to being mayor, including wife, mother, school bus driver (24 years), school bus driver trainer (18 years) and swimming pool manager. She is also an active member in the Lind Chamber of Commerce.
Ryan Sheehan  
*Director of Operations and Maintenance, Spokane Airports / Washington Airport Management Association*

Ryan Sheehan is currently serving as the director of operations and maintenance for Spokane Airports, which includes both Spokane International Airport and Felts Field.

He has been with Spokane Airports since 2008 and prior to that worked in Airport Operations at the Bellingham International Airport for six years.

Mr. Sheehan has a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Management of Technical Operations, with a minor in Aviation Safety, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a certified member of the American Association of Airports.

Les Smith  
*President, Washington Pilots Association*

Les Smith is state president of Washington Pilots Association. WPA has over 900 members in 20 chapters statewide. Since 1960, WPA has served as the only non-profit organization of pilots and others interested in aviation focused on serving pilots and promoting general aviation specifically in the state of Washington.

Mr. Smith also serves on the Board of Washington Air Search and Rescue and volunteers with the Historic Flight Foundation on Paine Field. In addition to his volunteer work, Les works as a senior business analyst with Philips Healthcare, a global diagnostic imaging manufacturer.

David Ulane  
*Northwest Regional Manager, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association*

David Ulane is AOPA’s Northwest Mountain regional manager. He is responsible for AOPA’s local, state and regional advocacy, legislative/governmental affairs and general aviation promotion in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Prior to this position, Mr. Ulane has served as the Assistant Aviation Director at the Aspen/Pitkin County (Colorado) Airport. He was also the airport manager at St. George Municipal Airport in Utah and Yellowstone Regional Airport in Wyoming. He has also held various other airport operations positions, and is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) by the American Association of Airport Executives.

Mr. Ulane is a founding member of the Colorado General Aviation Alliance. He has served as president of the Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives, vice president of the Utah Airport Operators Association and president of the Wyoming Airport Operators Association. He has a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Aviation Management from the Metropolitan State University of Denver, and is a seaplane-rated private pilot.
Deb Wallace  
*Airports and Ferry Administrator, Pierce County / Washington Airport Management Association*

Deb Wallace is the airports and ferry administrator with Pierce County, where she manages the Tacoma Narrows Airport, Pierce County Airport - Thun Field in Puyallup and the County ferry system.

She was elected in 2002 and served four terms as a state representative from the 17th legislative district in Clark County. She chaired the Higher Education Committee for four years and she was the vice-chair of the House Transportation Committee for four years.

With a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Business Administration, Ms. Wallace has a background in economic development working as the executive director of the Columbia Corridor Association, an economic development organization in Portland Oregon. She also has experience working as the business development director at the Columbia River Economic Development Council in Vancouver, WA.

Ms. Wallace gained experience working with all types of transportation working as a regional planning manager for the WA State Department of Transportation and as the director of Strategic Planning and Development for C-TRAN, a medium size transit agency in Clark County.

Dave Williams  
*Director of State and Federal Relations, Association of Washington Cities*

Dave Williams is the director of state and federal relations for the Association of Washington Cities. Mr. Williams worked in the environmental, water and land use areas for many years.
**Ken Wirtz**
*Air Ambulance Pilot, Northwest Medstar*

Ken Wirtz is the Lead Fixed-Wing Pilot for Metro Aviation, overseeing flight operations for Northwest Medstar in Spokane. He has been involved with EMS in the Spokane area since 1991.

Mr. Ken Wirtz received his flight training and business education at Walla Walla University.

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**Stephanie Wright**
*Chair, Snohomish County Council*

Stephanie Wright is a member of the Snohomish County Council and is currently serving as council chair.

Ms. Wright also chairs the council Operations Committee, which includes the county airport and Paine Field.

She serves as Vice Chair of the Snohomish County Health District, and on the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board, Community Transit Board, Snohomish County Tomorrow, Conservation Futures Board, and the National Association of Counties Justice and Public Safety Committee, working to ensure that municipalities throughout the region have a shared vision for development, transportation and preservation.

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**Not pictured:**
**Dean White** *Treasurer, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association*