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TO: Fluke Hall Tenants, Users, and Interested Parties

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We proudly announce a major stride forward in the collaboration between the Washington Technology Center and the University of Washington in actively supporting the state's innovation economy.

Over the past eighteen months, the UW and WTC have refreshed our roles in this economic development partnership. This work has culminated in the WTC shifting its focus to executing on programs and services for the statewide innovation economy, and in the UW expanding its support of the commercialization of technologies discovered by our researchers to include space for start-up incubation and commercial prototype development. This expansion is a timely supplement to the integrated suite of services currently offered to our entrepreneurial researchers by the UW Center for Commercialization.

To this end, as of May 1st, WTC has transferred the operations and infrastructure of the Micro Fabrication Lab (MFL) and Fluke Hall to the UW. This transfer will allow UW to augment existing capabilities, increase industry-university engagement, and expand technology commercialization. The College of Engineering will manage the MFL, which will be renamed to the Micro Fabrication Facility (MFF), to provide a more comprehensive micro and nano scale research and prototype facility to researchers and companies throughout the state. The UW Center for Commercialization will manage economic development activities in Fluke Hall with a primary focus on company creation and development resultant from UW research; the commercialization of UW research; translational development; and increasing engagement and partnerships between UW and industry.

Technology start-ups employ more people with better-paid jobs than companies that do not leverage a technology advantage. These technology start-ups provide the foundation for the state's high-growth sectors in clean tech, energy, medical devices, global health, biotech, and

communications and information technology. This transfer, in concert with WTC's renewed focus on Washington's statewide innovation strategy, strengthens that foundation as we develop Washington's competitive advantage in the 21st century economy.

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