

PRESS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, SHELTON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF
SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

RE: County Begins Initiative to Assist New Business Growth

The County is undertaking a new initiative designed to assist new and expanding business development in the County. Business owners sometimes see Mason County as a maze of regulations, not knowing which direction to go next. Under this new initiative, the County hopes to change this perception.

Commercial and industrial businesses seeking building permits will now have one individual assigned to them as a central contact as their permit is processed. That person's job is to work closely with the business and make sure the permit process is seamless and expedient. The County's goal is to make it easier for businesses to develop and expand in the County and enhance economic growth. This assistance is also available to businesses that are in the early planning stages and not yet ready to submit a permit.

The contact person is Ben Ramsfield and he can be reached at 427-9670, ext. 290 or e-mail at Blr@co.mason.wa.us .

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