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EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-05

SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-01

**ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO THE SUPPORT OF THE
WASHINGTON AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AND DISBANDING THE WASHINGTON
COUNCIL ON AEROSPACE**

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry accounts for a considerable portion of Washington's economy and is projected to grow significantly over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, for every aerospace job created, at least two and one-half other jobs are produced elsewhere in the economy; and

WHEREAS, aerospace companies do business in at least 30 counties throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Washington leads the nation in cutting-edge training, education, research, and development, related to the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 09-04 created the Washington Council on Aerospace to ensure Washington's continued leadership in the aerospace industry by improving coordination, responsiveness and integration of the state's aerospace training, education, research, and development programs to meet industry needs; enhancing the state's economic climate for the industry; and providing a forum for industry, labor and government to collaborate to ensure the needs of this vital industry are met in a timely and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11-01 added additional industry members and continued the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Council on Aerospace produced two annual reports to the Washington Legislature on the state of the aerospace industry and many of the recommendations contained therein have been enacted; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Legislature enacted Second Substitute House Bill 2156 establishing efforts to improve coordination of the state's training system for skilled aerospace workers in order to provide better alignment with industry needs in the present and over the long term and,

as directed by the legislation, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has established the Washington Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing Workforce Pipeline Advisory Committee to oversee and make recommendations to ensure this alignment; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Legislature also enacted Substitute Senate Bill 5982 establishing the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation to pursue joint industry-university research in computing, manufacturing efficiency, materials/structures innovation, and other new technologies that can be used by aerospace firms; enhance the education of students in the engineering departments of the University of Washington, Washington State University, and other participating institutions through industry-focused research; and work directly with existing small, medium-sized, and large aerospace firms and aerospace industry associations to identify research needs and opportunities to transfer off-the-shelf technologies that would benefit such firms; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Aerospace Partnership, a coalition of state and local governments, labor organizations, and private businesses, came together in 2009 to advocate for the awarding of the U.S. Air Force refueling tanker contract to the Boeing Company and, after that successful effort, successfully worked to position the state so that the Boeing Company chose to build its 737 MAX family of airplanes in Washington State with broad benefits to the state's aerospace industry as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Aerospace Partnership incorporated as a non-profit corporation on August 18, 2012, with the goal of coalescing and funding statewide efforts in support of the Washington aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, in March 2012, the Governor's Office of Aerospace was established to coordinate these and all other activities related to supporting the growth of the Washington aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, the creation of these new entities provides more strategic and directed focus on aerospace company recruitment and retention, promoting the industry around the world, building a skilled aerospace workforce, and promoting aerospace innovation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby disband the Washington Council on Aerospace and, to ensure Washington's continued leadership in the aerospace industry, direct the Office of Aerospace to work with these new entities as follows:

- The Washington Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing Workforce Pipeline Committee, to ensure the State's workforce training programs meet the needs of the aerospace industry;
- The Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation, to promote and foster research and development activity to ensure that Washington remains at the cutting edge of aerospace technology; and

- The Washington Aerospace Partnership and other organizations and agencies across the state, as necessary, to assist in the development, maintenance, and execution of a statewide aerospace industry strategy.

This Executive Order, which supersedes Executive Order 11-01, shall take effect immediately.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington, on this 12th day of September, 2012, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State