

## Press Release City of Edmonds

Mayor David O. Earling

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## **Freeze on Out-of-State Travel**

(Edmonds – WA) As part of his continuing effort to reduce expenditures in light of the economic realities facing the City now, City of Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling today announced an indefinite suspension on out-of-state travel. Department directors and managers have been asked to carefully review all travel and training requests to insure the necessity of the training and to look for opportunities to attend training online or in-state where possible so as to limit travel expenses. Exceptions might be made under very limited circumstances, such as training required as part of attaining or maintaining certifications that are required as part of the employee's position that is not available in-state. Employees traveling on City business are required to travel in the least costly manner, and where possible, training and meetings are encouraged to be conducted online, via conference call or through other less costly means.

Mayor Earling stated "this is one part of an overall plan to reduce expenses of the City, look for opportunities for efficiencies, find ways to partner with other organizations and generally adapt to the reality of the current economy."