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TO: Head and Teachers of the Spanish Department

FROM: Helen Malagon, State Supervisor for Bilingual Education

REF: 18 Embassy of Spain/BOEING Summer Full Scholarships for Teachers

It is my pleasure to announce you about the opportunity of this cooperative program as a result of the Washington / Spain Agreement. Together with other on-going initiatives (Literary Contest, Visiting Teachers, Language Assistant, etc) the **Summer Institutes/Scholarships for Teachers** program is part of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Spanish Ministry of Education (MECD). This MOU recognizes the important contribution that these programs can make to education in Washington State as well as promoting mutual understanding between the two countries.

On this occasion I am happy to announce 18 full scholarships financed by the Embassy of Spain and Boeing. These Scholarships are addressed not only to K-12/Community College bilingual or Spanish 2 teachers but also to other education professionals who work with Hispanic students. The three-week course “Curso de Lengua y Cultura Españolas” is carried out at the prestigious University of Salamanca, Spain from July 5 to 23. The course aims at improving the knowledge and use of Spanish as well as developing communication in the four skills. Additional immersion activities are included both as part of the courses and as optional activities, such as culture classes, visits to sites of interest, daytrips, etc; affording the opportunity to get to know the traditions of the Spanish people and to participate in their customs.

Credits awarded are recognized by a variety of U.S. universities. The Embassy of Spain and the Boeing Corporation fully sponsor this particular summer institutes. The scholarship includes classes, food and lodging, cultural activities and medical insurance. We have now opened an extended period of registration in the state of Washington. You can now register and apply on-line by April 9, 2004 (Please, see attachment). For more information you can visit:

www.sgci.mec.es/usa/becas/

If you would like to know more about the programs of cooperation between MECD and OSPI, please, contact Marcos García-Pascua, Spanish Language Consultant in OSPI at MGarcia-Pascua@ospi.wednet.edu / (360) 725-6008.

For professional development opportunities and resources for bilingual teachers, please see:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/spanish/Default.asp>

<http://depts.washington.edu/spnrectr/activities.htm>