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Local Kittitas County, High Tech Business to Undergo Major Expansion

Ellensburg, Wash. – November 27, 2006 – The Economic Development Group of Kittitas County and the Ellensburg Business Development Authority held a press conference today, Monday, November 27, 2006 at the Kittitas County Airport Business Park located at Bowers Field, Ellensburg to announce the major expansion of Comtronic Systems, a local high tech software development company.

The project is a joint effort of the Economic Development Group of Kittitas County and the Ellensburg Business Development Authority. The Ellensburg Business Development Authority will be constructing a 15,000 square foot building to lease to Comtronic Systems. The site of the building will be at the corner of Bowers and Airport Roads at the Kittitas County Airport Business Park on a lot that can accommodate the future growth of Comtronic Systems.

The Ellensburg Business Development Authority secured funding for the building through a \$1,000,000 loan/grant from the Washington State Office of Community, Trade and Economic Development's (CTED) Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB). Kittitas County and the Ellensburg Business Development Authority are providing additional funding for the project.

“These expenditures are significant and indicate a long-term commitment to our community,” said Charlotte Tullos, Chair of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority. “A project such as this is a valuable asset to Ellensburg and the county as a whole.”

Comtronic Systems currently occupies 7,000 square feet of office space in Cle Elum, Washington and has 17 employees. Jeff Dantzler, President and CEO, expects to add 38 employees over the next three years. The growth of the company is due to the success of their innovative new software program, CallThru™. It is the first Internet Protocol (IP) call center system of its kind.

Comtronic Systems is in need of their new facility as soon as possible. Comtronic Systems and the Ellensburg Business Development Authority expect to have this building complete and ready for occupancy early summer of 2007.

Debbie Strand, Executive Director stated, “We are extremely pleased to be able to accommodate the growth of this company in Kittitas County. Over \$6,000,000 in infrastructure investments have been made at the Kittitas County Airport Business Park by Kittitas County and the City of Ellensburg during the past decade. Without this vision and investment, this project would not be possible.”

The Economic Development Group’s mission is to provide leadership that stimulates business and promotes economic opportunities to support the needs of Kittitas County. Together the Economic Development Group of Kittitas County and the Ellensburg Business Development Authority provide economic development services for the entire county. The focus of both organizations is business recruitment, retention and expansion.

Comtronic Systems has been in operation for over 25 years developing and producing software with the latest features and is the earliest to adapt to new operating systems.

For more information about the Economic Development Group of Kittitas County or the Ellensburg Business Development Authority, please contact Debbie Strand, Executive Director at 509-962-7244 or by email at edgkc@kittitasedc.org.

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