

# CYCLE OF PERSONAL OWNERSHIP

JUNE 2022 WINNER



CHELAN COUNTY

# SHAUN HARRINGTON

This nomination is for Shaun Harrington for his clear demonstration of Operational Excellence by automating a critical financial reporting process. The Strategic Financial Planning Dept relies heavily on timely update of Cognos cubes for internal financial reporting. Previously, preparing forecasting information for internal reporting needs involved a tedious and manual process of copy/pasting multiple files, converting info to text, ensuring data ranges were correct, and then creating 44 separate files. These were then combined and copied to specific folders for the reporting tool (Cognos) to then pick up correctly. This preparation involved 3 separate forecasts and cubes and was a time-consuming process ripe for error that often had to be performed multiple times during a month. This process had been done manually for many years; when Shaun initially reviewed the process we were using, he immediately saw a way to significantly improve it. He developed a procedure (script) through R for each of our forecast reporting cubes to automatically update and combine files and spreadsheet data within minutes, rather than hours manually. Not only is this a time saver that enables better responsiveness, it has also reduced errors and rework. Shaun has clearly demonstrated the Operational Excellence Value in being innovative using technology tools to streamline and improve a time-intensive manual process. Thank you, Shaun!