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**Time is Running Out for Nominations!**

*Deadline is June 1 for Kenneth F. Bunting Awards*

**Seattle**—The deadline for nominations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kenneth F. Bunting Award is fast approaching. The award, named for former Seattle Post-Intelligencer Associate Publisher and Founding WCOG Board member, Kenneth F. Bunting honors journalistic work that demonstrates use of the Public Records Act or exposes abuses of the Open Public Meetings Act. It can be a print, broadcast, or blog piece or series and can come from any area of the country, but must be substantially about Washington State.

Last year, WCOG honored a series of articles from The Seattle Times entitled “Loaded with Lead” that made extensive use of public records to identify a problem with lead poisoning at gun ranges, not only in Washington, but around the country. Nominations came in for stories about the shooting at Pilchuck High School in Marysville, a superbug outbreak at Virginia Mason, and transparency issues swirling at the Seattle Police Department.

The June 1 deadline is fast approaching, and we are urging media executives, editors, and reporters to submit work by that date in order to be considered for the Bunting Award this year. The Kenneth F. Bunting Award will be presented during WCOG’s Annual Madison-Andersen Awards Breakfast on September 23.

Nomination forms can be found at [www.washingtoncog.org](http://www.washingtoncog.org).