BE HERE
Snohomish County, Washington
We work for business, yours should Be Here.
WASHINGTON STATE

SNOHOMISH COUNTY is like no other place. Its industries are robust, its farmland sprawling and beautiful, its people hard-working and earnest. We’re just a few minutes north of Seattle. Once you’re here, you’ll see it’s a world away.

WORKFORCE
The Snohomish County workforce has a strong technical proficiency. Manufacturing is 23% of our county workforce, twice the State average, and we boast the highest concentration of advanced manufacturing jobs west of the Rocky Mountains. Further, we have the highest concentration of engineers in Washington, all working across multiple industries. Naval Station Everett produces close to 1000 separations of well-trained employment candidates each year. Affordable housing and a desirable quality of place continue to attract a workforce that has grown by 20% over the past decade.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
The Public Utility District of Snohomish County (PUD), a not-for-profit electric utility owned by the ratepayers, is progressive with a strong tie to sustainability. 86% of the energy delivered by the PUD to its customers is hydroelectric, a renewable source. The balance of their power portfolio is generated by solar and bio-mass. The PUD has explored tidal energy and geothermal resources.

INDUSTRY ACTIVITY
As the state’s manufacturing center, Snohomish County employers produce medical devices, electronic equipment, solar modules and inverters, bio- pharmaceuticals, recreation equipment and, of course, aircraft. We’re home to Boeing Commercial Airplanes and an aerospace supply chain that produces their 747, 767, 777 and 787 aircraft.

Our proximity to Seattle makes Snohomish County an ideal location for high-tech employers seeking a suburban location. T-Mobile has an engineering center, Zumiez (retail) has their corporate headquarters, and Google and AT&T have customer service centers. Two significant companies in the ultrasound space, Philips and Sonosite, also have headquarters and manufacturing operations here.

WEST COAST ACCESS
Snohomish County is the place to be for companies with overseas markets or offshore suppliers. 60% of our jobs are associated with international trade. The region has multiple deep-water seaport facilities with worldwide shipping connections, including the Port of Everett, which is the largest on the U.S. West Coast (based on U.S. Customs export values). Container, breakbulk and barge facilities are available with on-dock rail to expedite multi-modal freight. The Port operates Foreign Trade Zone #85, allowing firms to manage customs fees and duties.

TAXES AND INCENTIVES
There is no corporate or personal income tax in Snohomish County or Washington State. There are three primary taxes paid by business: Gross Receipts/Business and Occupation (B&O); Retail Sales/Use; and Property.

EDUCATION
We are served by multiple institutions of higher education, including Everett and Edmonds Community Colleges, University Center of North Puget Sound, University of Washington Bothell, and the University of Washington Bothell. That UW campus recently created the School of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), which combines all of the STEM fields in one academic program, allowing for cross-disciplinary training and project work.

QUALITY OF PLACE
Our quality of place is heavily influenced by a spectacularly beautiful natural environment. We are a recreational mecca with a temperate climate that encourages year-round outdoor activities. For water sports enthusiasts, there are rivers for kayaking and rafting, lakes for boating and wind surfing, and inland waterways for scuba diving, boating or sailing. The Cascade and Olympic Mountains offer trails to hike, bike, and ride horses, as well as peaks to climb in the summer and ski in the winter.

QUICK STATS
The North Puget Sound Manufacturing Corridor in SNOHOMISH COUNTY compared to other counties in the State of Washington:

1st in CONCENTRATION of MANUFACTURING JOBS

2nd in the NUMBER of TECH-BASED JOBS
SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYERS