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A message from Bev Losey, Senior Employee Benefits Broker/ Consultant, Brown & Brown of Washington-Tacoma

March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of women in business in Pierce County. From entrepreneurs to small-business owners to corporate and government leaders, I'm proud to count myself among their diverse ranks. I am inspired everyday by their leadership, governance, innovation, partnership and vision. They are key to growth and economic development in Pierce County.

I joined Brown and Brown in Tacoma more than 35 years ago. Throughout my career I've seen challenges and successes. And, yes, barriers broken. Women succeed and lead as they continue to face unique trials every day. Kudos to Pierce County's collaborative business community, where women and men are working together for the greater good.

Did you know? In 2018, women-owned firms in the U.S. reported nearly \$1.8 trillion in annual earnings and employed more than 10.1 million workers. Check out more stats from the [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov).



Women mean business in Pierce County

Meet three leaders who are working with passion and making a difference in business and the community: Clemencia Castro-Woolery, Gloria Martin and Monica Blackwood.

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Tech-savvy Latchel helps property managers deliver great service

Latchel provides a 24/7/365 virtual maintenance department for property managers. Co-founder and COO Will Gordon says Tacoma is a great place to grow his one-of-a-kind service.

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Immersive Van Gogh exhibit lights up Tacoma Armory

March 5–April 16, the City of Tacoma plays host to an innovative art experience that invites visitors into the world of Dutch impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh.

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Pierce County Business Accelerator earns state recognition

The program received the Innovation in Economic Development Award from the Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA).

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ecoSPEARS: Cleantech startup taps Tacoma for HQ

Entrepreneurs Ian Doromal and Sergie “Serg” Albino are using breakthrough technology to remove harmful toxins that threaten marine and human life. Their collaborations with local incubators and the City of Tacoma have helped grow their Washington state network and secure key contracts.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Upcoming purchasing forums spotlight small and diverse businesses

March is a big month for businesses, agencies and contractors looking to connect — virtually and in person. Check out two major contracting events.

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ScaleUp: Free business trainings launch in March

ScaleUp Business Training is designed to help established businesses increase profitability, build capacity and spur growth. Three new sessions of the free program kick off in March.

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What's happening in Sumner? Virtual business update, March 23

The **Sumner Business Update** webinar will offer the latest on economic development activity, business support programs, workforce resources and more.

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