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Building better in Pierce County: A message from Scott Jones, Senior Vice President of Operations for Brookfield Properties

As people look for homes with more space, natural surroundings and commute-free home office options, [Tehaleh](#) just south of Bonney Lake continues to boom. We're very proud to be the best-selling new home community in Washington state and among the [top-selling master-planned communities](#) in the U.S.

Tehaleh is expected to have 3,500 occupied homes

by 2024. When complete, our 4,700-acre mixed-use community will include 9,700 homes, 475 acres of retail and commercial development and 5 schools. And it's all connected by 1,800 acres of open space and miles of trails.

Our dynamic community is thriving in part because the resources available right here in the South Sound. Our Tehaleh homebuilders pride themselves on superior craftsmanship and using the best materials, from garage doors to windows to siding and more. Pierce County manufacturers are helping us grow.



Thanks to Pierce County manufacturers, you can build an entire house

There's no place like home, and there's no place like Pierce County to find everything that goes into building one.

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SAFE Boats scores big grant

The aluminum boat manufacturer and a leading supplier to military, federal, state and local law enforcement is one of only two Washington State shipyards to receive this year's MARAD (Maritime Administration) grant.

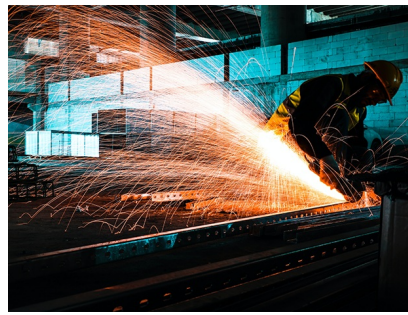
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EDB nets leads from SelectUSA Investment Summit

The EDB made its pitch for Pierce County in June at the 2022 SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, D.C. It's considered the highest-profile event in the country dedicated to promoting foreign direct investment.

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EDCPC offers affordable funding for manufacturing and processing projects

Low interest rates may be a thing of the past. Pierce County manufacturing and processing companies have an affordable financing option to fund their projects.

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Pierce County represents at Farnborough Air Show

For the EDB and other Pierce County delegates that attended the Farnborough International Air Show in July, historic high temps, hot leads and loads of meetings marked the week in southwest London.

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Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange joins EDB Board

The EDB is thrilled to welcome University of Washington Tacoma Chancellor Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange to its board of directors.

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Apply soon! More COVID relief grants on the way

Between August 17 and September 9, the Washington State Department of Commerce will accept applications for **Working Washington Grants Round 5** and the **Convention Center Grant** programs. Eligible for-profit and nonprofit businesses may apply. *NEW: Recipients of grants using federal funds are now required to have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Apply for your UEI now!*

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NEWSBRIEFS

University of Puget Sound program offers strategic consulting

Teams of senior students from the

Sign up! Tacoma Business Update Webinar Aug. 9

The Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County

Industry partners needed for Aug. 18 construction trades and career fair

The Korsmo Construction Trades

University of Puget Sound School of Business and Leadership are available to work with local businesses and nonprofits. Priority given to organizations that sign up by August 7.

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and City of Tacoma will present a live one-hour webinar to share information about available resources for Tacoma's business community.

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and Career Fair offers the opportunity for area high school students and community members to learn about career pathways in various construction trades

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Bruce Kendall among South Sound's most influential

South Sound Business named EDB President Bruce Kendall one the most influential folks in the business community for 2022.

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Big moves for small business

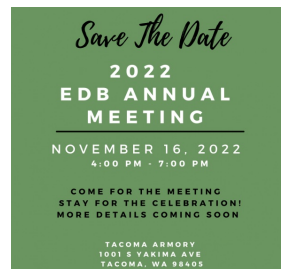
Linda Womack has joined the Washington State Department of Commerce as managing director of Small Business and Community Support. Frank Boykin has taken over at the Washington Business Center.

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New report measures Washington State's competitiveness

The 2022 Business Competitiveness Analysis offers a baseline understanding of the state's economy and creates a metric that can be reutilized or years to come.

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EDB Annual Meeting is coming

Is your calendar marked? The 2022 IN-PERSON EDB Annual Meeting is slated for November 16.

Watch future issues of Onward for meeting details, sponsorship opportunities and registration information.

NEWS

[Chicago-based First Industrial Realty Trust buys third Puget Sound industrial property](#)

[Pierce County GDP growth among highest in Washington](#)

[Tacoma office vacancy rate improves in second quarter](#)

[Washington ranks number 2 state for business, according to CNBC study](#)

[Kirkland industrial developer plans South Sound projects](#)

[White House: Snake River dams may need to be removed](#)

[Washington manufacturers feeling squeezed by chip shortage](#)

[Millions of Americans regret the Great Resignation](#)

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