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## Aerospace ready to take flight: A message from Jim Lee, Tool Gauge General Manager

Aerospace manufacturing took a massive hit during the pandemic. But we're seeing signs that the industry is ready to soar once more.

As one of only a handful of Boeing-certified class I and class II plastics shops in the world, [Tool Gauge](#) celebrates Boeing's success at the recent Farnborough International Airshow. Their impressive showing is a big boost for the industry and Pierce County's robust cluster of aerospace suppliers.

For more than 50 years, Tool Gauge has been dedicated to producing high quality metal and plastic parts for the global aerospace supply chain. And we're ready for what's ahead. Our recently completed expansion nearly doubled our manufacturing space to accommodate additional equipment, expanded secondary operations and larger plastics machining manufacturing capabilities.

We expect the comeback to be gradual and steady. The runway is long, but we're gaining speed and on our way to pre-pandemic levels.



## Boeing, State and Pierce County enjoy successful return to Farnborough

The epic aviation event in southeast England proved that the aerospace industry is picking up speed and may be more expansive than ever.

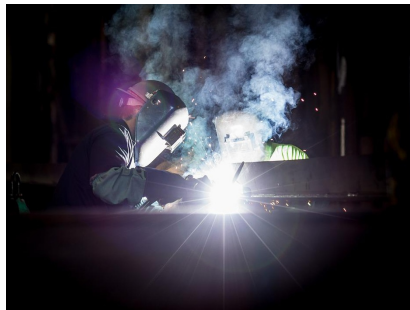
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## Nose to tail: Pierce County manufacturers helps aerospace soar

The South Sound's extensive manufacturing network continues to help propel the state's aerospace industry to new heights.

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## Aerospace workforce programs strong in Pierce County

Pierce County offers multiple training and educational programs that are aligned with the aerospace industry's needs to help the region keep its competitive edge.

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## State incentives promote aerospace industry growth

Washington State offers an array of tax incentives for the aerospace industry, including reduced or deferred tax credits and sales and use tax exemptions.

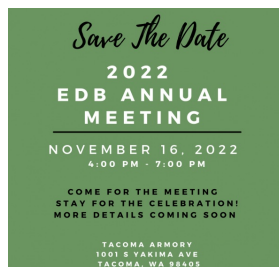
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## APPLY BY SEPT. 9! Working Washington Grants Round 5, Convention Center Grant programs

The two programs will provide \$75 million in pandemic relief to eligible small businesses and nonprofits. *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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## EDB Annual Meeting: We're looking forward to seeing you

Mark your calendars for the 2022 EDB Annual Meeting, November 16.

Planning is in progress, and we'll have more to share, soon. Watch future issues of Onward for meeting details, sponsorship opportunities and registration information.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Help form the future of Spaceworks

If you're a [Spaceworks'](#) alumni, program participant, community partner, donor or stakeholder, your input is needed to shape future programs and services. Planning workshops are slated for September 9 and 15.

[Register here](#)

### Preparing for disaster

September is National Preparedness Month. This year, FEMA's campaign is a call to action to the Black and African American community. Preparedness programs, events and resources help ensure communities are better prepared for disasters and emergencies.

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### Online hub for small business recovery

SmallBizHelp.com is the go-to resource for small business recovery assistance. Learn about funding options, support organizations, how to find a lender and more.

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## NEWS

[Boeing makes first 787 Dreamliner delivery since May 2021](#)

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