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Back together: A message from Brian Marlow, EDB Chair and Keybank South Puget Sound Market President

After 33 long months, it was great to gather in person at the EDB's 44th Annual Meeting to celebrate economic development in the South Sound. Through the trials and tribulations of the pandemic (and a lot of pivoting), the EDB remained steadfast to its mission – thanks to your support and partnership.

As chair of the EDB, I have seen first-hand how this organization makes a difference in the lives of Pierce County residents. We recruit and retain companies that provide jobs and careers in a variety of industries, including finance, aerospace, distribution, energy, health services and so much more.

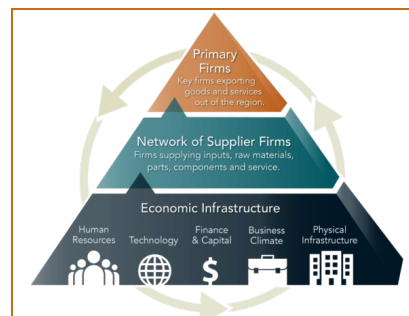
We have also embraced our role as an anti-racist organization to ensure that our work reflects what our business community needs across the board. And while we have a long way to go, we look forward to the work ahead – and our work with you – to find more inspiring and uplifting solutions to help create an inclusive community.



Alana M. Hill: The power of managed change

International change leadership expert and author Alana M. Hill offered EDB Annual Meeting attendees an inspiring message about how to lead meaningful change in their own lives to benefit their businesses and the community.

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2021 snapshot: EDB continues to grow high-wage jobs

The EDB works with its partners to spur private capital investment, job creation, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in Tacoma-Pierce County businesses.

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Business Accelerator nabs Golden Shovel

Pierce County and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce received the EDB's Golden Shovel Award for their work to create the Pierce County Business Accelerator program.

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10 excellent projects across Pierce County

This year's Excellent 10 are projects selected by the EDB for their positive impact on the Pierce County economy in the previous year.

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EDB receives \$1.8M Small Business Innovation Fund grant

The EDB will act as administrator for the grant and passthrough funds to support the work being done by its partners to bolster BIPOC businesses across Pierce County.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Mark your calendar: South Sound Tech Conference Jan. 27

Join professionals, industry experts, faculty and students to discuss current issues in technology. The day-long conference on the UW Tacoma campus is hosted by the School of Engineering & Technology.

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Pierce County companies play key part in Artemis I rocket

General Plastics Manufacturing Company, Stellar Industrial Supply and Toray Advanced Composites are among 42 Washington companies that manufactured parts for the rocket launch.

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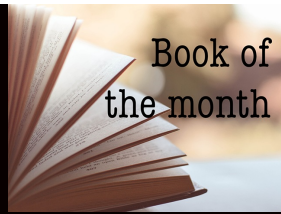
South Sound Holiday Gift Guide open for business

The South Sound Holiday Gift guide is your one-stop virtual shop for all things merry and bright. *Business owners: It's not too late to list your products. (Buyers must be able to purchase from your website.)*

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What are you reading?

EDB Vice President for Business Retention & Expansion Maddie Merton recommends [The Color of Money - Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap](#) by Mehrsa Baradaran.



Book of
the month

“Baradaran focuses on a part of the American story that’s often ignored: the way African Americans were locked out of the financial engines that create wealth in America.”

NEWS

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