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Aerospace is back on track: A message from Pierce County Councilmember Dave Morell

The [Paris Air Show](#) was a booming success, with aircraft orders exceeding pre-COVID numbers. As a member of our state delegation, I was honored to join my Pierce County colleagues and connect with South Sound aerospace manufacturers to discuss what they need to expand facilities and production lines as more people return to the skies.

Urban air mobility and the development of electric vertical take-off and landing vehicles will bring the

biggest change in aviation in 50 years. Within the next decade, our airways will be used much more effectively to transport people to and from what they do. [Tacoma Narrows Airport](#) and [Thun Field](#) are poised to become hubs that connect our residents to urban areas.

The Paris Air Show also brought to light other opportunities for our region. With the drawdown in Afghanistan and the war in Ukraine, the military is looking for ways to rebuild inventory. With JBLM in our backyard, Pierce County will explore how we can be more competitive in that arena.

As Washington State leads the way to advance aerospace innovation and reduce the industry's carbon emissions, Pierce County will continue to support our existing aerospace manufacturers, attract new companies and put infrastructure in place to reshape the future.

Paris Air Show by the numbers

2,500 exhibitors from 46 countries.

300 start-ups from 21 countries.

More than 300,000 trade visitors and members of the public.

125,000 square miles of exhibition space.

150 aircraft on display.

1 site search, 3 hot leads, 11 warm leads and 4 retention and expansion follow-ups for Pierce County.



Washington State delegation soars at Paris Air Show

Pierce County's power team joined statewide economic partners and a full delegation of aerospace and manufacturing organizations.

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Pierce County responds to housing crisis

New laws will support housing efforts over the next two years. That's great news for Pierce County employers who struggle to recruit and retain talent.

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SeaTac Packaging keeps growing in Pierce County

The Puyallup-based manufacturer sealed the deal on its \$20 million acquisition of the former Carlson Paving site in the Frederickson manufacturing and industrial center.

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UNMET Washington 2023 connects founders and investors

UNMET, a mission-based organization that fills an unmet need for U.S. startups raising venture capital, will hold its first West Coast conference in Seattle Sept. 13-14.

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Are you ready to export? July 26: Meet the Export Import Bank of the United States

The Small Business Administration offers free monthly webinars on export assistance that feature conversations with Washington Export Outreach members. [Read more and register](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

County breaks ground on New Rhodes Lake Road East

The major east-west corridor will connect the Bonney Lake plateau to SR 162 and lay the foundation for more economic growth in East Pierce County.

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UW Tacoma SET wins grant for genetic coding project

A \$7 million grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute will enable Dr. Ka Yee Yeyung's research group to make a key contribution to a historic effort to understand the function of every human gene.

What your business needs to know about the WA Cares Fund

The WA Cares Fund kicks in this month. Is your organization ready? A free, recorded info session explains everything you need to know.

[Watch the video](#)

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Tacoma...get ready to party Aug. 6

The inaugural Downtown Tacoma Block party will offer a full day of music, art, vendors, food and more. Volunteers are needed for this awesome event.

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Bruce Kendall featured in South Sound Business

Ever wonder what makes EDB President Bruce Kendall tick? Find out in Lead + Follow, a Q&A feature that zeroes in on the personal and professional mindsets of area business leaders.

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Washington State Historical Society launches Black Washington App

The first-of-its-kind app and educational platform is dedicated to the statewide stories and rich cultural legacy of Washington State's Black community.

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NEWS

[Recent wins for economic development teams in Pierce County](#)

[\\$12M+ awarded for Pierce County homeless, housing services](#)

[Amazon-leased industrial property in Lacey trades for \\$132M](#)

[Tacoma City Council considers changes to rental code](#)

[Washington to receive \\$1.23B to expand broadband access](#)

[Spotlight on Puyallup](#)

[City of Fife jobs program hopes to pave a path to employment](#)

[World Trade Center Tacoma fosters trade one connection at a time](#)

[Boeing moves up the ranks of Washington's largest employers](#)

[Grant programs announced for Washington life science startups](#)

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