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Opportunities to soar: A message from EDB Vice President for Business Retention and Expansion Maddie Merton

Our state's rich aerospace and aviation history dates to 1916 when Bill Boeing founded his aircraft manufacturing business. Today, Tacoma and Pierce County are home to more than 70 industry suppliers that contribute to Boeing's supply chain, including Japanese U.S. subsidiaries that have collectively invested more than \$550 million in capital expenditures over the last decade.

The EDB's recent trade mission to Japan helped build on relationships with Japanese aerospace firms that have established manufacturing facilities throughout Pierce County. It also provided an opportunity to connect with other manufacturers that are seeking growth opportunities and expansion outside of Japan.

The EDB looks forward to continuing to work with our state, local and international partners to help ensure our region stands strong as an aerospace and aviation leader.



EDB leads trade mission to Japan

Building on the spirit of cooperation between the two countries, the EDB led a trade investment mission in October to visit several Tokyo-based firms.

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Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Care offers new virtual nursing solution

The Enhanced Collaborative Care Program launched at St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor in May.

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Competitiveness study plots state's path in global aerospace race

Washington needs to act fast to strengthen its aerospace



manufacturing sector and retain its position as a leading aerospace hub, according to a new report.

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NEWS BRIEFS

WWA Workforce Conference comes to Tacoma: Nov. 14-16

The Washington Workforce Association's fall conference will bring together local leaders, industry experts, elected officials, and workforce and economic development professionals.

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Free Global Entrepreneurship Month Zoom seminars

StartUp Washington is hosting four in-person Global Entrepreneurship Month Expos in four locations this month. You can also join a virtual event via Zoom on Nov. 30.

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U.S. Dept. of Energy selects PNW for Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub

The hub will leverage the abundant clean power and innovative technology companies in the Pacific Northwest to accelerate the transition to clean hydrogen production and use.

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Tacoma Public Schools receives state approval for Maritime|253 Skills Center

The regional Career and Technical Education center will serve high school students from throughout Pierce County.

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Association of Washington Businesses delivers State of Manufacturing Address

The address provided a snapshot of the current strengths and ongoing challenges facing Washington's manufacturing sectors.

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Commerce receives \$1M SBA grant to boost small business exports

The funds will be used to continue several successful export assistance programs for small businesses in the state, including export vouchers, support for industry-focused trade shows and trade missions, inbound buyer events and export training.

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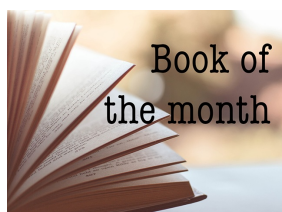
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EDB CEO and President Bruce Kendall recommends [Berlin Noir](#) by Philip Kerr.

"A street level view of 1930s Berlin through the eyes of a police detective turned private eye who is alarmed by the rise of Nazism. This cautionary tale provides devastating insights into how the German people failed to act until it was too late."

NEWS

[Boeing leases 2 buildings in Frederickson industrial complex](#)

[Developers secure \\$253M in financing for Frederickson industrial park](#)

[Maryland company inks Pierce County's largest office lease since 2021](#)

[Pierce County developer eyes industrial expansion after land purchase](#)

[Dallas industrial developer breaks ground on first Puget Sound-area project](#)

[Study spotlights economic impact of Tacoma's nonprofit arts and culture sector](#)

[Tacoma Rail to buy Northwest's first electric locomotives](#)

[Top concerns for small businesses in 2024](#)

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