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The place for tech talent: A message from Andrew Fry, Director of Industry Partnerships, UW Tacoma School of Engineering & Technology

Each year, the [University of Washington Tacoma School of Engineering & Technology \(SET\)](#) graduates 450 future innovators and entrepreneurs destined for careers in a range of computer science, and computer, electrical, mechanical and civil engineering fields. A lot of that talent is landing right here in our backyard.

Pierce County employers are growing and hiring tech workers, including companies that sprouted from research at UW Tacoma and have received millions in investment and continue to grow their footprint here and hire from our program. And beyond our borders, companies have their sights set on Pierce County as they seek remote workers.

The South Sound is a wellspring of tech and engineering talent that will continue to grow and create new companies, ideas and opportunities. That kind of transformation benefits everyone.



Pierce County is tech central

A recent report ranks Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as the No. 1 region in the U.S. for highly valued tech skills. The accolade is a testament to the area's thriving tech ecosystem.

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Apply by Dec. 21 for Evergreen Manufacturing Growth Grants

The Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC) is accepting applications for Evergreen Manufacturing Growth Grants, and the EDB is here to help businesses through the process.

[Read more](#)



Submit your Excellent 10 nominations today

If you know companies or projects in the South Sound that are key drivers of jobs, capital investment, or other important community developments, the EDB wants to hear from you.

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Clover Park Technical College launches Corporate Education

Invista Performance Solutions is now Clover Park Technical College Corporate Education. The transition to CPTC happened earlier this year.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dec. 9: Black Night Market is back for the holidays

Join Tacoma Arts Live and Black Night Market at the Tacoma Armory. The free event will feature festive performances, BIPOC-owned businesses, food trucks and photos with Black Santa.

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Ends Dec. 9: Join the Holiday Haul Crawl

The 8th annual Holiday Haul Crawl is happening in downtown Tacoma. Enjoy fun events, festive giveaways, holiday photo ops and more.

[Read more](#)

Shop local BIPOC, women, and veteran-owned businesses at PCBA.biz

This holiday season, shop local goods and services, and support Pierce County Business Accelerator program (PCBA) graduate businesses near you.

[Read more](#)

EDB BIPOC Mentoring Program makes headlines

South Sound Business recently profiled the new mentoring program for BIPOC business owners and professionals piloted through the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County.

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MyFreeTaxes Self-Employed Tax Guide

United Way created the guide in partnership with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to help more self-employed small business owners easily and accurately file their taxes for free.

[Read more](#)

SharedWork offers WA employers a win-win

SharedWork helps Washington employers support business stability, retain skilled workers, reduce payroll costs, be a smart alternative to layoffs, and explore training programs that develop workforce skills.

[Read more](#)



Holiday cheer, Sumner style

EDB Vice President of Business Recruitment Sarah Bonds suggests a visit to Sumner to make the holidays a little brighter.

[“Windmill Gardens Holiday Wreath Make & Take](#) is an experience that is worth adding to your holiday traditions. Design and create a custom wreath to enjoy through the winter season. Make one for yourself or to share with family and friends!”

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NEWS

[Initiative fosters community of Black business leaders](#)

[Panattoni secures larger office space in downtown Tacoma](#)

[MultiCare receives 'Most Wired' award—again](#)

[SAFE Boats partners with Vita Power Solutions to build zero-emission boat](#)

[Milgard to open downtown Tacoma office](#)

[TPU receives 2023 Leadership in Energy award](#)

[Matt Tolentino taps into military experience to build local startup](#)

[How Tacoma's hotel-to-housing conversions make neighborhoods safer](#)

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