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Workforce, workforce, workforce: A message from Katie Condit, WorkForce Central CEO and EDB Board Member

Workers are an organization's most important asset, and the struggle to find and retain people is one of the most pressing issues facing employers today. The role of higher education to meet workforce needs is more crucial than ever.

A strong talent pool fuels economic growth in communities. Coupled with opportunities for quality jobs, a dynamic workforce ensures equitable and lasting economic self-sufficiency. Here in Pierce County, colleges and universities are helping to bolster that pool for the high-demand, quality jobs that companies need to grow and thrive.

I hope you'll join us at the [2024 EDB Annual Meeting](#) on March 20 to hear from some of Pierce County's most forward-thinking higher education leaders and learn more about how they are shaping the workforce of tomorrow.

EDB ANNUAL MEETING

GREATER TACOMA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM • MARCH 20, 2024

Workforce! Workforce! Workforce!

- Economic Development Update
- Excellent 10 Awards
- Golden Shovel Reveal
- Food & Prizes
- Advance Tickets Required
- VIP Table of 10 - \$1200
- Investor Table of 10 - \$1100
- Single Ticket - \$120



Moderator: Katie Condit
CEO WorkForce Central

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Learn the latest at the South
Sound Tech Conference:



CTE Meet & Greet connects
employers with tomorrow's

March 8

Join professionals, industry experts, faculty and students for a day of discussion about Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence integration.

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workforce: March 14

Looking for talent? Connect with Career and Technical Education program directors from across Pierce County.

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Maritime skills center will help provide next generation of maritime workers

The center will offer opportunities for high school students that can lead to a career in the maritime and industrial trades.

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Grow your skills at the 2024 Supervisory Academy: April 4

The Supervisory Academy provides an array of expert-led workshops to help supervisors build stronger teams.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Washington companies sought for tech accelerator: Apply by March 11

The free 10-week program aims to connect women, BIPOC and rural founders to mentors and others to help them start scalable businesses.

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Alliance Northwest Business to Government Conference: March 14

The largest, most interactive government contracting conference in the PNW is coming to the Greater Tacoma Convention Center this month.

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Tacoma Creates opens 2024-25 application window: Apply by March 25

Funding will support programs and events that broaden access to arts, culture, heritage and science. Preliminary applications are due March 11.

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Tacoma mayor to present 2024 State of City address:

Downtown Tacoma welcomes plethora of new businesses

Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract program

March 28

Mayor Victoria Woodard's address will focus on the city's ongoing work to support community priorities and highlight initiatives to create a more livable Tacoma.

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The city welcomed 24 new businesses in 2023 that are helping make downtown Tacoma an even more vibrant destination for dining, shopping and entertainment.

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Joining the WOSB Federal Contract program makes a business eligible to compete for federal contracts reserved for the program's certified participants.

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NEWS

[Washington ranked 8th best state in U.S. for entrepreneurs](#)
[Co-working space off to fast start in downtown Tacoma Rhodes Building](#)
[Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department names new director](#)
[Making progress: Pierce County releases 2023 Annual DEI Report](#)
[City of Lakewood mourns loss of William "Bill" Harrison](#)
[37 small-business grants for women](#)

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