

## WASHINGTON | CHOOSE WASHINGTON

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It's no secret that Washington State is the birthplace of business legends. Amazon, Boeing, Microsoft, Costco, Starbucks, REI, Nordstrom – they all got their starts here. It's part of the pioneer spirit that defines the Pacific Northwest, a spirit that continues to drive visionary businesses who see challenges as opportunities and who turn adversity into unbridled success.



**#1 Most Innovative State in the U.S.**

**#1 Best State to Start a Business**

**#1 Best Broadband Connectivity**

**#1 Among all states in lowest average retail cost per kilowatt-hour for industrial electricity**

### KEY SECTORS

- Aerospace
- Clean Technology
- Information Communication Technology (ICT)
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Marine Technology

### CLEAN AND GREEN

An established leader in renewable and sustainable energy, particularly in wind, solar and hydropower, Washington State is at the epicenter of innovation in clean technology.

- 75% of our power coming from nature
- 100+ clean tech companies
- 90,000 “clean” tech jobs in the state
- 195 patents
- 7 world-class research institutions attracting top-tier talents



### TECHNICAL MASTERY

Washington state is a fusion reactor of information and communications technology, job creation and innovation that has earned global clout.

- 9,300 Tech firms in the state
- 3,000+ software companies
- 300 Digital game companies

- 267,000 high-tech workers
- 2.3 million square feet of data center facility space

### **MATERIAL GAINS**

The state is a global center of excellence in composites and advanced materials. The materials of tomorrow and the technology and machines to make them are being developed today in Washington state.

- 7,000 advanced manufacturing companies serving the aerospace, marine, wind energy and transportation industries
- 100+ composite companies
- 260,000 workers
- 49 educational programs in advanced manufacturing



### **BUSINESS FRIENDLY**

Washington's business climate provides a powerful blend of advantages that has launched some of the most successful companies in the world. As a state, we focus on cultivating the ideal fertile ground for business leaders and entrepreneurs to bring their products and services to market.

- 15 Innovation Partnership Zones
- 11 Foreign-Trade Zones to simplify importing and exporting
- 75 ports, 139 airports and 7,044 miles of highways
- Great range of customized incentives

**Innovative, Clustered, Smart, Connected, Energetic,  
Trendsetter, Diverse, Vibrant...**

### **If you are looking for:**

- An easy access to the U.S., Canadian and Asian markets
- A dynamic, can-do culture of innovation
- A superbly educated and trained workforce
- A pro-business environment
- A full menu of lifestyle options

**Choose Washington State!**

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