



## King County Aerospace Alliance

### Mission

The King County Aerospace Alliance (KCAA) was convened by King County Executive Dow Constantine to unite local jurisdictions, public sector groups, business and labor toward one goal — fostering the long-term economic vitality, growth and global competitiveness of the local aerospace industry — a major and indispensable source of family-wage jobs in King County.

### Background

King County is the largest center for aerospace activity in the country with over 45,000 industry employees and more than 400 aerospace companies. With its deep history in aerospace, King County has a strong foundation on which to build. The factories, capital investment, skilled workforce, and the ability to efficiently move people and freight are all here. Nowhere in the region or country are the assets as significant or better aligned to expand an already intense concentration of aerospace innovation and excellence.

### Near-Term Actions

1. **Completed competitive analysis study of the aerospace industry in King County.** Developed an action plan to implement the study's recommendations, including specific actions to strengthen assets, mitigate liabilities, and identify opportunities for recruiting new suppliers, as well as items for local legislative action and other elements for further analysis.
2. **Support and grow our extensive supplier network.** Nearly half of the aerospace suppliers in Washington State are located in King County. We will align our actions to support recruitment of new suppliers to fill gaps in the supply chain, and support these companies by making continued infrastructure investments to ensure efficient freight and workforce mobility.



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3. **Train the next generation of aerospace workers.** The average age of the local aerospace worker is close to 50, with many workers near retirement. While Boeing needs 5,000 new workers a year for the next several years, our education system currently graduates only half that number. We will work to coordinate workforce development programs with the skills industry needs, to train and educate our young people and dislocated workers to fill those aerospace jobs in the future.
4. **Make it easier for industries to do business across all jurisdictions.** We will collaborate to create easier, streamlined permitting and predictable tax and regulatory structures, while protecting the quality of life that gives our region a competitive edge.

### King County Aerospace Alliance Members

- King County
- City of Auburn
- City of Bellevue
- City of Federal Way
- City of Kent
- City of Renton
- City of SeaTac
- City of Seattle
- City of Tukwila
- Port of Seattle
- enterpriseSeattle
- Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County
- Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce
- Kent Chamber of Commerce
- Renton Chamber of Commerce
- Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce
- M. L. King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- Aerospace Machinists District Lodge 751
- Green River Community College
- Renton Technical College
- Shoreline Community College
- Seattle Community Colleges
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Renton School District



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