



Skagit County

- 7.5 FTE, 18 Board Members
- 350+ Investors

Industry Focus

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Agriculture
- Maritime
- Business Services
- Retail

Skagit County offers access to a skilled workforce at every level, with particular specialization in advanced manufacturing and maritime trades, and proximity to world-leading research institutions and universities.

Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County

Mission: The Mission of the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County is to enhance Skagit County’s quality of life through the creation and preservation of healthy businesses and good jobs.

Snapshot of Defense in Skagit County

Skagit County, situated halfway between Seattle and Vancouver, Canada, offers a central, cost-competitive location for defense contractors within the Pacific Northwest’s advanced manufacturing and information technology industry centers. Strategically located near two leading U.S. and Canadian naval installations—Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt—Skagit County is home to many active duty service members and veterans. Of the personnel working at NAS Whidbey Island, 10% live in Skagit County, earning \$50 million in payroll.



**JOBS SUPPORTED BY
DEFENSE CONTRACTS**
520

2012–2014 average, direct and secondary



**DEFENSE CONTRACTS VALUE
PER CAPITA**
\$2,640

FY 2015



DEFENSE CONTRACTORS
30

Companies, 2015



OCCUPATIONS

Production (80)
Construction and Extraction (23)
Office and Administration (11)
Installation and Repair (10)

Top direct occupations supported by defense contracts



INDUSTRIES

Boat Manufacturing and Maintenance (\$47.1 M)
Food Manufacturing (\$14.1 M)
Other Construction (\$3.4 M)
Waste and Agricultural Services (\$448 K)

Top industries by defense contracts revenue, 2012 – 2014 average



TOP CONTRACTORS

1. Food Services, Inc.
2. Team Corporation
3. Workskiff Inc
4. Edco Inc
5. Dakota creek Industries

Top five contractors by defense contracts amount, FY 2015

Sources: Office of Management and Budget, 2016; Washington State Department of Revenue, 2015; Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2015, 2016; Washington State Employment Security Department, 2016; Department of Defense, 2016; Community Attributes Inc., 2016

Skagit County Defense Contractors

Skagit County's leading defense contractors are characterized by specialized advanced manufacturers, including in advanced composites and marine manufacturing.

Janicki Industries (Sedro-Woolley) was selected by the U.S. Air Force to support Northrop Grumman in building the new B-21 bomber, among other defense sector projects, and is also working directly on NASA projects including Orion and the Starliner Spacecraft.

Dakota Creek Industries (Anacortes) built the R/V Neil Armstrong and R/V Sally Ride Auxiliary General Oceanographic Research vessels, and *Sea Jet* Advanced Electric Ship Demonstrator, for the Office of Naval Research.

Team Corporation (Burlington) manufactures vibration testing equipment, including for the U.S. Army Redstone Test Center and NASA Plum Brook Mechanical Vibration Facility.

Transpac Marinas (Anacortes) constructed FRC moorage for the U.S. Coast Guard Ketchikan.

EDCO, Inc. (Burlington) conducts CVN bridge fabrication and other custom manufacturing for the U.S. Navy.



Photo courtesy of Janicki Industries. EDASC actively supports advanced manufacturing companies based in Skagit County. Pictured here is Janicki Industries, a defense contractor that performs composite manufacturing.

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EDASC Support for Defense Contractors

Defense contractors in Skagit County benefit from the proximity of military operations in neighboring areas. EDASC offers a range of programs and services that can be tailored to meet specific contractors' needs.

Provide Business Retention and Expansion Services

EDASC works to connect existing contractors and other businesses with resources to help address issues and take advantage of opportunities to thrive and expand.

Grow Small Businesses Through Support Programs

EDASC partners with Washington's **Small Business Development Centers**, Washington **Procurement Technical Assistance Center**, and **SCORE** to provide business advising, management training, and market research for Skagit County small business owners. For inventors and entrepreneurs with innovative products, EDASC partners with the NW Innovation Resource Center to assist entrepreneurs create the strategies they need to evaluate their ideas and obtain the resources they need to bring the ideas to life.

Serve as a Information Clearinghouse

EDASC serves as an information clearinghouse for Skagit County on economic development and related topics. It offers tailored research, statistical data for market research and analysis, and business referral services through its statewide network of partnerships and resources.

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