



## WHY LOCATE YOUR BUSINESS TO FEDERAL WAY

Located south of Seattle, the City of Federal Way is perfectly positioned to meet the needs of business. The Puget Sound region has been home to innovation including everything from aerospace to software.

But Federal Way also offers an unparalleled quality of life. It is nestled between two mountain ranges—the Cascades to the east, and the Olympic Range to the west and hugs the shoreline of the picturesque Puget Sound inlet. Federal Way offers breathtaking vistas and can be described as one of the best places to live in the nation, especially for those who love the outdoors. But that's not all; here are several major reasons to locate your business to Federal Way.

### Taxes

- No State Income Tax
- No Unitary Tax
- No Inventory Tax
- No Business and Occupation (B&O) tax
- No Sales or Use Tax on machinery and equipment used in manufacturing operations
- Low city taxes

### Location

- Highway access, located along Interstate 5—serving Pacific Coast states from Canada to Mexico
- Located 10 minutes from international airport
- Located 25 minutes from downtown Seattle
- Located between the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma

### Workforce

- A diverse labor supply and talent pool to meet the needs of a growing company
- The labor force has a deep base of the requisite skills, thus creating shorter training cycles, lower turnover and overall improvement in operational performance and efficiencies

### Strong Infrastructure

- Excellent streets and city infrastructure
- Robust telecom service with adequate speed, choices and bandwidth supported by CenturyLink and Comcast
- Plentiful water and wastewater capacity available through Lakehaven Utility District
- Low cost energy available through Puget Sound Energy



## Welcome to the



## City of Federal Way!

Federal Way welcomes your business! The city is poised for growth, with key investments in infrastructure and economic development, excellent location and a commitment to supporting your success.

Federal Way is a vibrant and dynamic part of the Puget Sound region. It is the 11th largest city in the state with a population of 100,000 in a region of 3 million.

Federal Way is home to nearly 5,000 licensed businesses. It is ranked as one of the fastest growing cities in the nation (WalletHub 2014) and has one of the lowest crime rates of any city in the region.

Federal Way's commitment to business is matched by a great quality of life and excellent schools. So whether you are a Fortune 500 company or a start-up, it is a great place to do business.

We pride ourselves by working as a partner and supporter of businesses of all size. Call me to discuss the reasons why you should locate your business here!

—Mayor, Jim Ferrell

## Proximity to Major Markets

- 50 percent of the state's population is located within 2 hour drive either north or south from Federal Way
- Reach over 4 million consumers in Seattle and Portland, Oregon within same drive time
- Major deep water ports serving Pacific Rim nations



## Available and Existing Buildings

- Quality building space in campus settings near highways and interstate

## Pro-Active Government

- Responsive government with approvals, planning and building permits, licenses, project management and development services

## Excellent Quality of Life

- 31 city parks and 1 state park, including even one for dogs!
- Excellent schools: Four city high schools are ranked in the top 1000 in the nation for educational achievement
- Low crime rate