



Aerospace businesses take flight in Skagit County, Washington

The Right Opportunity.

Why did cutting-edge aerospace companies like Janicki Industries, Hexcel, Team Corporation, Volant Aircraft Interiors and other choose to locate in Skagit County, Washington? It's the right choice for aerospace companies today. And tomorrow.

The right location. Located in the heart of the United States aerospace industry, Skagit County is located midway between Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Mount Vernon, the business, technology, law, banking, government and cultural center of Skagit County, and the Port of Skagit, the industrial center of Skagit County, are located just 25 minutes away from Everett, Washington, where the Boeing 747s, 767s, 777s and the new 787 Dreamliner are built. And Skagit County is less than 60 minutes away from Renton, home of the Boeing 737.

The right connections. Skagit County is served by Interstate 5 and State Route 20; Skagit Regional Airport (owned by the Port of Skagit) featuring corporate and business flying service; Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific freight rail lines; Amtrak rail service; and, a regional transit system.

The right infrastructure. To meet the demand for more bandwidth at a lower price, Mount Vernon and the Port of Skagit have built a Fiber Infrastructure as the foundation for business and local economic growth. And our power and other utility costs are competitive with Snohomish and King Counties.

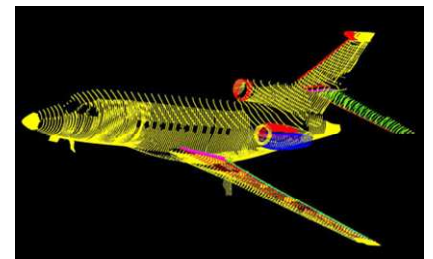
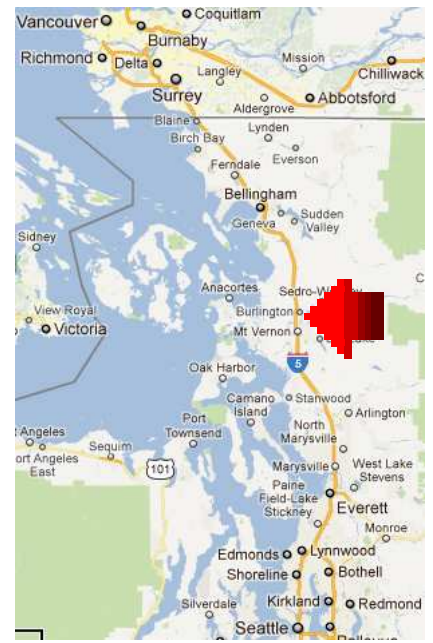
The right price. Looking for industrial land and buildings that cost less than comparable sites in Snohomish and King County? Skagit County provides tremendous value for businesses looking to grow in today's challenging economy. And Skagit County offers financial incentives aerospace businesses will not find in King and Snohomish County.

The right sites. The Port's Bayview Business Park and Mount Vernon offer shovel ready industrial and commercial sites. And our award winning permitting process allows most land use and building permits to be issued within 30 days.

The right workforce. You will find a well-educated, skilled and motivated workforce in Skagit County - with competitive, lower wages. And our State does not have a personal income tax.

The right training partners. Skagit Valley College is helping to meet the training needs of the aerospace industry. The College has received Air Washington grants to develop comprehensive training programs in manufacturing, assembly, electronics and composites.

The great life. "If you have internet access, market connections, good power and a well-educated workforce, most companies can locate anywhere. For us, it came down to quality of life. Do you want to spend hours driving the highway or spend the time with your family? That's why we chose Mount Vernon."- Carl Loeb, PreVisor





Welcome to Skagit County, Washington

Population

Skagit County (2010)	116,901
Mount Vernon (2010)	31,020
Mount Vernon (2030)	52,567
2010 Median Home Value:	\$226,200
Median Residential Rent:	\$ 817
Median Household Income:	\$ 47,401
Bachelor's degree or higher:	18.6%
County average wage (2009)	\$ 37,092
Median resident age:	31.1 years
Washington median age:	35.3 years

Major Public Employers

Skagit Valley Hospital (1,279)
Skagit Valley College (934)
Mount Vernon School District (800)
Skagit County (696)
City of Mount Vernon (302)

Major Private Employers

Puget Sound Refinery 400
Draper Valley Farms (375)
Regence BlueShield 385
Janicki Industries (382)
Tesoro Northwest (335)

Aerospace related employment at Skagit Regional Airport:
19 companies who employ 359 workers

The Skagit Advantage: The Bottom Line

Category	Mount Vernon	Skagit County	Everett, Snohomish	Seattle, King County	Tacoma, Pierce County
Business and Occupation Tax - Manufacturers	No tax	No tax	0.001	0.00215	0.0011
Local Sales Tax Rate	8.20%	8.20%	9.20%	9.50%	9.30%
Industrial land leasing rates			\$4.20 - \$6/sf	\$4.80 - \$12/sf	\$3.36 - \$5.40/sf
Industrial buildings asking price			\$80 - \$100/sf	\$80 - \$100/sf	\$40 - \$100/sf
Industrial land asking price			\$5 - \$12/sf	\$6 - \$12/sf	\$6 - \$12/sf
B&O Credit for New Employees in Manufacturing and Research & Development	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Rural County B&O Tax Credit for New Employees	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Median home price	\$226,200	\$264,000	\$273,800	\$452,000	239,600

Did you know.....

- There are more arts organizations in Skagit County per capita than any other area in Washington State?
- Mount Vernon School District has an 80% on-time graduation rate – Seattle's is 70.1%?
- Skagit Valley Regional Health is Washington's third largest public hospital and also a teaching hospital?
- Skagit Valley College was named one of America's top 20 community colleges by Washington Magazine?
- The Skagit Tulip Festival attracts over one million people from all 50 states and from 51 countries?

Connect to a great life.

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 Port of Skagit (360) 757-0011
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