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INP WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER



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INP Spring Meeting: 2019 Regional Economic Forecast

March 27, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

(Continental breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.)

CenterPlace Event Center
2426 N. Discovery Place
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Join us for updates in aerospace recruitment, labor market trends, housing issues, opportunity zones and John Mitchell's lunch keynote: "Nearing the Record & Outside the Zone".

Continental breakfast and early morning networking begins at 8:30 a.m.

\$40 for INP members; \$60 for non-members.

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New Commerce Directors

Idaho and Washington Departments of Commerce welcome new leadership in 2019.

[Tom Kealey](#) is Idaho Gov. Brad Little's appointment to serve. Kealey is co-owner of Chicago Connection, a former Morrison-Knudsen executive, and served on the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.

[Lisa J. Brown, Ph.D.](#), was appointed by Washington Gov. Inslee. Prior to her appointment, Brown served as chancellor of Washington State University, where she led the health science campus in Spokane.



Department of Commerce

Upcoming Events/Conferences

Washington Economic Development Association 2019 Winter Conference

March 5-6, 2019

Olympia, WA

[More information](#)

IEDC Technology-Led Economic Development Training

March 6-7, 2019

Vancouver, BC

[More information](#)

Inland Northwest Partners 2019 Winter Meeting

March 27, 2019

Spokane Valley, WA

[More information](#)

Idaho Economic Development Association Spring Conference

April 16-18, 2019

Boise, ID

[More information](#)

4th Annual I-90 Aerospace Corridor Conference

May 28-29, 2019

Coeur d'Alene, ID

[More information](#)

Inland Northwest Economic Developments, WINTER 2019

The following are projects, initiatives and economic developments are making news in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. This tip sheet is distributed by the Inland Northwest Economic Alliance on behalf of its regional partners.

PULLMAN, Washington - Edmund Schweitzer, Washington State University graduate and founder of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL), will be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in May 2019. Schweitzer, 71, is being recognized for the invention of the digital protective relay technology that prevents power outages through early detection and isolation. Virtually every electric utility in the U.S. and more than 160 countries use SEL's products. The Illinois native invented the digital relay while he was a doctoral student at WSU in the late 1970s. He founded SEL in 1982 in the basement of his house in Pullman. See the full article in the [Spokesman Review](#).

KELLOGG, Idaho - Big investments in road and sewer infrastructure have been a priority for Silver Valley communities. The City of Kellogg received a \$6,840,000 USDA Rural Development and Community Block Development Grant. \$48.5 million is being invested into the Central Treatment Plant which will treat acid mine drainage from the Bunker Hill mine and contaminated groundwater. The Paved Roads Remediation Program has completed reconstruction of 500 road segments totaling 75 miles. The Kellogg project received the largest USDA Rural development grant ever awarded in Idaho. For further information, contact director@silvervalleydc.com.

LIND, Washington - Washington's largest solar farm, Nielson Solar Farm, covers 200 acres and is capable of producing 28 megawatts of energy, enough electricity to power 4,000 homes. The same amount of energy would release nearly 40,604 tons of carbon dioxide if it were produced by traditional fossil fuel generators. Businesses can purchase that power with an eight-year commitment, limited to 1.2 million kilowatt-hours per year at a rate of 5.3 cents per kilowatt-hour. Adams County will receive approximately \$4 million over the next 20 years in property tax revenues from the array site. More on this story in [Adams County Magazine](#).

LEWISTON, Idaho - The Confluence Riverfront Development Project will revitalize 13-acres of the Port of Lewiston's waterfront and evaluate proposed cruise ship moorage, recreational and commercial watercraft docks, an RV park and sustainable commercial development. In December 2019, the Corps of Engineers will dredge the navigation channel. In addition, the Port has constructed approximately 28 miles of [dark fiber-optic infrastructure](#) within the Lewiston area and is considering future investment into the network and how it can be accessible to communities beyond Lewiston. See more at portoflewiston.com.

LIBERTY LAKE, Washington - Seaview Global, a company that designs and makes mounts for marine electronics, including radars, satellites, GPS, and navigation lights and searchlights, has relocated to Liberty Lake from Lynnwood, Washington. [Greater Spokane Incorporated](#), which helped to facilitate the move, points to the lower cost of doing business and quality-of-life issues as part of the decision to leave the I-5 corridor. "Doing business in the Spokane-area costs about 35 percent less than in larger markets," said Todd Mielke, GSI's chief executive officer. Learn more in this [article](#).

POST FALLS, Idaho - Gun holster manufacturer Tedder Industries LLC, has sold a majority share of the company to Houston-based investment concern Main Street Capital Corp. Tedder Industries, which currently has 200 employees, bills itself as the largest and fastest-growing holster maker in the U.S. The company is expanding flagship brand Alien Gear's latest top-selling ShapeShift series of modular holster systems and recently brought on Tactica, a women's concealed-carry fashion line. Main Street Capital has ownership in over 100 companies, including affiliates in the manufacturing, construction, energy, and software sectors. See the full story in the [Spokane Business Journal](#).

DAVENPORT, Washington -The high-speed broadband network that Harrington PDA installed through their downtown business district in 2016 has become a model for do-it-yourself rural internet. Harrington's Mayor Justin Slack spoke at a January press event in Olympia where Governor Inslee announced his 2019 initiative to increase broadband access throughout the state. Mayor Slack spoke about the PDA's project, but he also spoke about he and his wife Heather making the decision to move from Seattle to Harrington to raise their children in a small town. Full article [here](#).

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho - The fourth annual I-90 Aerospace Corridor Conference takes place May 28-29, 2019 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort with 50+ exhibitors. Participants can connect with regional aerospace manufacturers, and, learn more about the latest supply chain trends and opportunities happening along Interstate 90. For more information, visit [i90aerospacecorridor.org](#).

North Idaho College was awarded a \$675,607, three-year federal grant to launch the NIC Venture Center, winning one of 24 grants from a field of more than 230 applicants. "The Center will have a prototype laboratory, where product ideas will be built and tested...and a Venture Academy, where entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs will learn from experts about how to hone their ideas and turn them into a commercial reality," said Ryan Arnold, Regional Director of Entrepreneurial Strategy for the college. In fall 2018, NIC was named Entrepreneurial College of the Year by the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship. For more information, contact Ryan.Arnold@nic.edu.

Rohinni LLC has combined forces with Beijing-based BOE Technology Group Co., a global leader in the semiconductor display industry. The venture is intended to produce ultra-thin micro light-emitting diode components to backlight display screens. "The way we use light in consumer electronics is about to take a huge leap as a result of achieving this milestone joint venture. It is going to change the way products look and perform throughout the world," claims CEO Matthew Gerber. For more information, see full [article](#).

Inland Northwest Economic Alliance (INEA) is a consortium of fourteen economic development agencies representing fifteen counties in the North Idaho/Eastern Washington region. The collaborative effort is aimed at building economic growth through enhancing the brand recognition of the Inland Northwest and its communities and showcasing its business value. To learn more, [visit us](#).

[Idaho Labor Market, Wages & Employment Information](#)

[Washington Labor Market Reports, County Profiles and Industry Reports](#)

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www.commerce.idaho.gov

Idaho Economic Development Association

www.ieda.biz

Idaho Small Business Development Council

www.idahosbdc.org

International Economic Development Council

www.iedconline.org

Washington Association of Cities

www.awcnet.org

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