



City of Tukwila  
***Planning and Community  
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# AGENDA

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024 – 5:30 PM**

<p><b>ON-SITE PRESENCE:</b></p> <p><b>TUKWILA CITY HALL          DUWAMISH CONFERENCE ROOM          6300 SOUTHCENTER BOULEVARD</b></p>	<p><b>REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR THE PUBLIC:</b></p> <p><b>1-253-292-9750, ACCESS CODE: 866559860#</b>  <b>Click here to: <a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a></b>  <b>For Technical Support: 1-206-433-7155</b></p>
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**Next Scheduled Meeting:**    *December 09, 2024*





## **INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Planning and Community Development Committee**

**FROM: Derek Speck, Economic Development Administrator**

**CC: Thomas McLeod**

**DATE: October 7, 2024**

**SUBJECT: Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable**

### **ISSUE**

The Council is being requested to approve a Memorandum of Understanding expressing support to establish the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Kent has invited cities, educational institutions, and manufacturers in the air and space industries to form a strategic initiative called the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable. The purpose of the Roundtable is for Kent Valley C-level executives, educational institutions, and public sector representatives to collaborate and guide workforce development, public policy, and economic sustainability to retain and attract air and space manufacturing businesses.

On September 17, 2024 the Kent City Council passed a motion expressing support for the Roundtable and approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is now being routed to the other cities and educational institutions for signatures. A copy is attached for Council's consideration.

### **DISCUSSION**

According to a 2022 analysis by the Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington state is well positioned to compete in a growing commercial space economy. The air and space industry is already vital to our regional economy and presents an important opportunity for the City of Tukwila. Attracting and retaining advanced manufacturing and aerospace business is included in Strategy 1A in the City's Economic Development Strategy.

Staff believes the Roundtable has the potential to be an effective way to support our air and space economy. Tukwila's role would be to support the Roundtable by collaborating. The City of Kent would take the lead to facilitate the work and there would be no financial contribution from Tukwila.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item has no financial or budgetary impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Council is being asked to approve a motion expressing support and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding at the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Memorandum of Understanding



## **Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding**

**Subject:** Establishment of the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable

**Whereas,** Green River College and Renton Technical College, as mission driven institutions of higher education and talent development, recognize the value of strong collaboration between aerospace leaders and the alignment of training and programs with industry growth;

**Whereas,** The Auburn, Kent, and Renton School Districts are the starting point for student career exploration and contribute to the development of workforce education programs by fostering career connections between K-12 education, post-secondary pathways, and the aerospace industry;

**Whereas,** The public sector leaders representing the cities of Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, and Renton, along with Kent Valley education leaders, recognize the need for a strategic initiative aimed at addressing challenges and opportunities within Kent Valley's aerospace industry;

**Whereas,** The Next Generation Sector Partnerships model has demonstrated success in facilitating collaboration between business leaders, educators, and government entities to address industry challenges and promote economic vitality and sustainability;

**Whereas,** The creation of the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable provides an efficient platform for industry leaders to collectively address workforce and talent development, drive legislative agendas, and promote economic vitality and sustainability within the aerospace industry;

**Whereas,** Participation from industry leaders is essential for success of the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable as Kent Valley employers are creating the jobs of the future and their guidance is critical to shaping the aerospace industry's talent pipeline.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that Green River and Renton Technical Colleges, and the Auburn, Kent and Renton School Districts hereby invite establishment of the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable to build stronger partnerships, foster collaboration, and expand equitable access to our region's best jobs;

**Be it further resolved** that Kent Valley employers represented by C-suite

executives, are invited to join the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable, and participate in the inaugural launch meeting scheduled for late October 2024, as well as subsequent biannual meetings and Action Teams;

**Be it further resolved** that the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila express their support for the establishment of the Kent Valley Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable and commit to working collaboratively with the Auburn, Kent and Renton School Districts, as well as Green River and Renton Technical Colleges, and industry partners to ensure its success;

**Be it further resolved** that the Auburn, Kent and Renton School Districts, Green River, and Renton Technical Colleges, along with the city mayors, extend their sincere appreciation to Kent Valley Air and Space Industry employers for considering this opportunity to collaborate and shape the future of the air and space manufacturing industry and region.

**Signed:**