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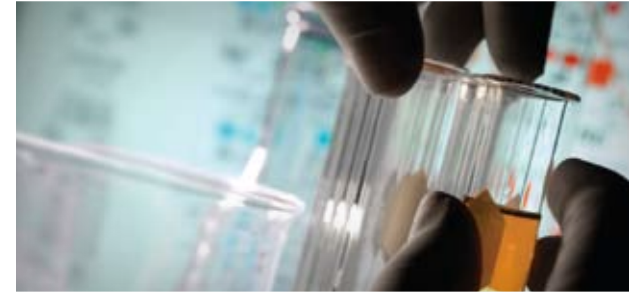
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Join us in leading the way to new discoveries.

Washington is known around the world for improving the way people live and work.

In Washington, innovation is in our nature. Our companies are inspired by the Northwest culture of creativity and discovery. Whether you're an established business looking to expand or move, or an entrepreneurial company just getting started—Washington State is the place for you.

Our track record of success says it all. Washington boasts a vibrant economy, optimal location, educated workforce, favorable business environment and unparalleled quality of life.

That's what continuously earns us top rankings. In 2009, Forbes.com named Washington the second best state for business, and *U.S. News & World Report* recognized us as the best place to start a business.

Vibrant Economy

Washington's diverse economy positions us well for ongoing economic growth. From clean energy, global health and aerospace to software, forestry and marine technology, Washington has it all. Our established industry clusters, skilled workforce, innovative start-ups and anchor companies create a climate for business success.

Optimal Location

Our superior global trade network keeps Washington companies and products connected to the world. Led by aerospace, Washington is the fourth largest exporter in the U.S. Our infrastructure allows companies to easily export and import cargo to and from all over the world.

Educated Workforce

Washington is a place employees want to work and live. With two research universities, a large number of public and private four-year institutions, a variety of workforce programs and 34 community and technical colleges, our companies enjoy access to a highly educated and skilled workforce.

Favorable Business Environment

In Washington, we know that a strong, vibrant business community benefits us all. That's why we are committed to partnering with businesses and providing the services necessary to support and grow our industries. From tax incentives and relocation services to small business help, Washington is here to support you.

Endless Discoveries

In Washington, we know how much where you live affects how you live. Our state's entertainment and art scene, close proximity to mountains and water and internationally acclaimed restaurants and wineries attract a workforce with incomparable talent.



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