

Greetings.

Welcome to Tacoma's Community & Economic Development Department. We are delighted to present our fine city to you. We take pride in providing a "business friendly and professional environment" for all those we serve.

Tacoma is a great place to live, work and play. Whether it's a business Downtown, the Port of Tacoma, Tacoma Mall or one of our 15 neighborhood business districts, Tacoma has it all for you, your business and family.

Downtown Tacoma is one of the safest and cleanest downtowns in the U.S. Many companies in the financial services, healthcare, real estate and educational sectors are located here. These include the University of Washington at Tacoma (UWT) with an elaborate campus located along the bustling Pacific Avenue Corridor. Just across from UWT, visitors can find an array of museums to choose from and hotels and fine dining opportunities are within walking distance or accessible via the free Light Rail Link which runs from the Dome to the Theatre District.

The Port of Tacoma is the 4th largest container port on the West Coast and is home to several major international companies. The country's two major rail companies, BNSF and Union Pacific, offer services to the Port and area businesses as well.

Tacoma Mall is the largest mall between Pierce County and Portland, Oregon; located more than 150 miles south along Interstate 5. Major national retailers including Nordstrom, Macy's, Sears and JC Penney are located here along I-5 with many other retailers and restaurants to choose from at the mall.

Tacoma is also home to 15 business districts which are very walkable and quaint offering a variety of shopping opportunities for locals and visitors alike.

The CEDD also administers affordable housing and community programs and funds local non-profit agencies in a wide variety of neighborhoods.

Lastly, the Department administers the City's Art Programs which work with several local museums, theaters and arts organizations across the city. The art programs play a key role in tourism and economic development.

Our team is here to serve the Tacoma Community while creating and enhancing business development and job opportunities. Please come join us and help make Tacoma the brightest place to live or establish a business in the State of Washington.

All the Best,

Ricardo Noguera

CEDD Director

City of Tacoma