

The Columbia Gorge is poised for growth in the Unmanned Systems Industry

Established talent, expertise and workforce mean the Gorge is ready to respond to the demand of emerging civilian markets

- A broad foundation of expertise in unmanned and robotics sectors has emerged within the gorge, ranging from autopilots to circuit board assembly, software development to wind tunnel testing.
- Founding partners and early employees of Insitu continue to innovate, developing products and services for the Unmanned Systems Industry.
- The Unmanned Systems Industry is reaching a core level where quality employees are readily available within the region for most positions. the regional labor force is approaching 46,000.
- The region of 83,000 people is rich in recreation and offers a small-town lifestyle just over an hour away from the Portland Metropolitan Area.
- A regional team is developing a comprehensive strategy to promote and support the area's unmanned system (US) manufacturing base.
- Planning work should be complete by the end of 2014 with the help of regional funding under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities partnership (IMCP).

Our goal is to be the first name in Unmanned Systems innovation and manufacturing.

RESOURCES

- **MCEDD:**THE IMCP program challenges U.S. communities to coordinate resources for strategies on economic development. Planning grants and investments can help in developing initiatives to support manufacturing, attract investment and strengthen economies.
- **Port of The Dalles:**The port's mission is to support creation, retention, expansion and recruitment of businesses and jobs that will enhance the economy.
- **SOAR Oregon:**A statewide, not-for-profit economic development organization focused on development of the UAS industry in Oregon. Its intent is to foster growth in evolving UAS sectors including aviation, advanced manufacturing, high-tech, software development and education. SOAR Oregon has awarded \$327,000 in grants for UAS projects and facilitated another \$1 million in private investment.



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