

## Technical Workforce in the Columbia River Gorge

## Established talent, expertise and workforce mean the Gorge is ready to meet the need for technical workers

- A core of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle design and manufacturing businesses have brought a core workforce of trained technical workers to the Columbia River Gorge, meaning quality, technically skilled employees are readily available within the region.
- The regional labor force is approaching 46,000.
- The region of 83,000 people is rich in recreation and offers a small-town lifestyle barely an hour away from the Portland metropolitan area.

## **TRAINING**

- Columbia Gorge Community College offers premier workforce training that prepares students to work with automated electronic technologies in a variety of industries including advanced manufacturing, renewable energy and engineering.
- The graduates of CGCC's Renewable Energy Technology program have been placed at a variety of agencies and companies including Bonneville Power Administration, Portland General Electric, Cloudcap Technology, Insitu, Cardinal Glass, Intel, and wind and solar installations.





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