

GODZILLA CRANES CHANGE PORT OF TACOMA LANDSCAPE

Even a snowstorm couldn't dampen the impressive and much-anticipated arrival of four massive super-post-Panamax cranes in Commencement Bay Feb. 23. At 295 feet tall, the high-capacity cranes are designed to handle cargo from the super-sized vessels entering the shipping industry. And with the booms raised, the cranes will stand a whopping 434 feet high in their new **Husky Terminal** home in the **Port of Tacoma**. That height puts them on par with movie mega-monster, Godzilla.

"The **Northwest Seaport Alliance** is making significant investments to provide strategic terminals in an industry of ever-bigger ships," said Tong Zhu, the NWSA's chief commercial and strategy officer. "Seeing these first four cranes offload to the reconfigured pier at Husky Terminal next to the much-smaller original cranes starkly illustrates the changes coming to the shipping industry."

It's all part of the big picture when it comes to our working waterfront. The NWSA and Port of Tacoma are investing in infrastructure improvements related to the region's valuable marine cargo business, including new cranes, terminal improvements and **Puget Sound Energy's** LNG facility to provide cleaner-burning fuel for **TOTE Maritime** Alaska ships.

The four cranes may be operational as early as mid-June. Four more cranes are slated to arrive in 2019. We're sure their entrance will be just as dramatic.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? CENTER FOR BUSINESS ANALYTICS WANTS TO KNOW

In the October 2017 issue of *Teamwork*, we shared details about an exciting new program at the **University of Washington Tacoma Milgard School of Business**—the **Center for Business Analytics (CBA) Student-as-Adaptive-Innovators Program**. The inaugural cohort of 34 **Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA)** students is in the final stretch of its nine-month program, and a new cohort begins in June. Would your company benefit from having a talented group of MSBA students apply smart and creative business analytics solutions to solve an existing business problem? Are you looking to cultivate new opportunities to improve performance on a complex project? The CBA wants to hear from you. There's no cost to participate. Just provide a problem or opportunity that needs to be addressed.

"Working with graduate data analytics students can provide a truly unique opportunity for South Sound businesses," said Professor Haluk Demirkan, director of the CBA and MSBA program. "Our student teams are dynamic, collaborative and creative as they apply advanced analytical thinking and technologies to analyze complex data sets and co-create value to find solutions for your business problems."

You can find more information at www.bit.ly/AdaptiveInnovators. **The deadline for submitting proposals is June 11.**

See for Yourself at the Project Showcase

Not sure what it all means? Drop by the **Applied Project Showcase** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., June 1, on the UW Tacoma campus. Meet this year's teams, and learn about methodology used to discover, plan, develop and deploy their working prototype analytics solutions. Students have been working with a diverse range of industry partners including **Boeing, CHI Franciscan Health, Costco, Stellar Industrial Supply** and more. Find out more and register at www.bit.ly/CBAshowcase.

Questions? Contact Jaime Core, CBA manager of operations and programs, at mcba@uw.edu or 253.692.5988.

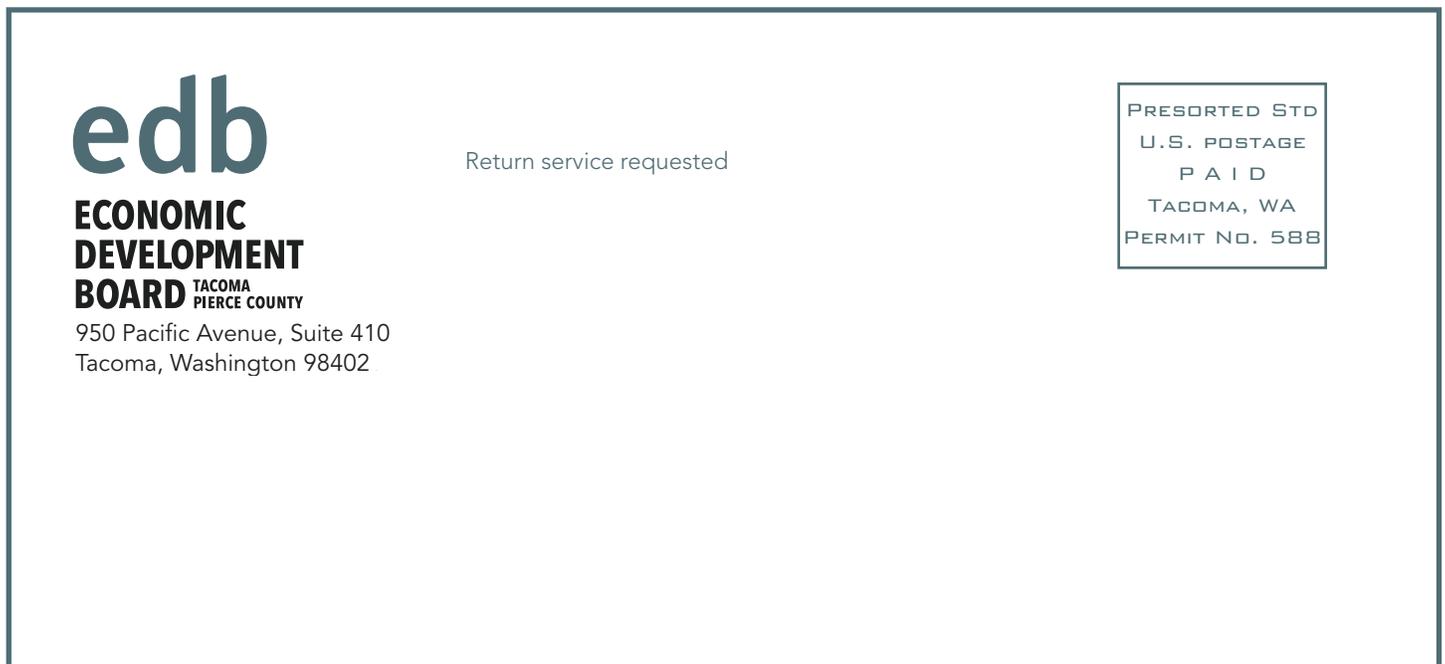
STAKEHOLDER GROUP WEIGHS IN ON LINK LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION

The **Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)** will connect Pierce County and South King County residents to the region's light rail network, including direct access to **SeaTac Airport**, downtown Seattle and beyond. As the project moves forward, input from community stakeholders about track locations, water crossings and more is essential.

The **Tacoma Dome Link Extension Stakeholder Group** kicked off in March, initiating an opportunity for the region to provide input on the extended Link light rail line from Federal Way to Tacoma. Part of the voter-approved **Sound Transit 3** plan, the 9.7-mile segment will include four stations near South Federal Way, Fife, East Tacoma and the Tacoma Dome Station. Service is expected to begin in 2030.

“As the Puget Sound continues to grow, it is more critical than ever to invest in infrastructure improvements offering alternative modes of travel for our residents, businesses and local communities,” said Maddie Merton, EDB vice president of Business Retention and Expansion, and one of 25 members representing the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of the communities along the extension's corridor. “Congestion is an issue and light rail is a part of the solution.”

More information on the TDLE project is available at www.soundtransit.org/tdlink.



FREE FORUM: HOW TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT IMPACTS YOUR BUSINESS

Last year's federal tax overhaul became effective Jan. 1 of this year. How does the **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act** affect your business? Find out on May 10 at a free educational forum hosted by the **Pierce County Economic Development Department** and **City of Lakewood Economic Development Department**.

The event will be held at the Lakewood City Hall Council Chamber (**Lakewood Towne Center**), 6000 Main St. S.W. Check-in and light refreshments happen at 8 a.m. The forum runs 8:30–10:30 a.m.

For information and to register, contact Hans Kueck, Pierce County Economic Development specialist, at hkueck@co.pierce.wa.us or 253.798.2335, or register online at bit.ly/May10TaxForum.

Tip: Make the most of this valuable program. If you or someone from your organization is planning to attend, send questions ahead of time to be sure they're addressed by the experts.

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