

Thank you for being an advocate for Washington's aerospace industry. As an AFA Member, you help make Washington the recognized center of aerospace excellence around the world and ensure that our aerospace community gets stronger every year.

As a non-profit organization, our work supports all 1,400 aerospace suppliers in Washington state. I hope you will continue to invest in AFA's mission in 2023.

## Our Accomplishments in 2022:

- Ensured policymakers kept aerospace employers top of mind in Olympia and Washington, D.C.
- Hosted the first Supplier Diversity Summit with The Boeing Company, connecting small, women, and BIPOC-owned businesses with procurement opportunities at OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers
- Served as the Career Connect Washington Advanced Manufacturing & Aerospace Sector Intermediary with the Association of Washington Business Institute
- Developed an industry Workforce Report to increase the number of young people exposed to and interested in pursuing careers in advanced manufacturing and aerospace, especially women and BIPOC youth
- Hosted the first Advanced Manufacturing & Aerospace Workforce Summit at the Museum of Flight
- Launched the Sustainable Aviation Technologies & Energies (SATE) Cluster to make Washington the global center of sustainable aviation fuels, electrified and hydrogen powered aviation

## This Year in 2023:

- Hosted Aerospace on the Hill, taking 18 AFA member to 30 meetings with Washington Senators and Representatives in Olympia during the Legislative Session
- Secured \$6.5 million in state funds to develop the Sustainable Aviation Fuel R&D Center at Paine Field
- Launched SB 5721 to create an Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing B&O Training Tax Credit
- Host the second Supplier Diversity Summit, the second Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Summit, and our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Aerospace Summit
- Serve as the Career Connect Washington Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing Sector Intermediary, connecting aerospace employers with youth in their communities
- Continue to develop the SATE Cluster and host the first Sustainable Aviation Symposium in August!
- NEW: Start Peer Networks to connect aerospace business leaders with resources and expertise in Tax & Business, Training & Education, and Sustainable Aviation

As an AFA member, your entire team receives exclusive invitations to partner events and a 25% discount on all tickets to AFA events and programs. Make sure to take advantage of this benefit this year!

For questions regarding your membership, please reach out to Kayla Coffee, AFA Director of Outreach & Engagement at <u>kaylac@afa-wa.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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