



TOP 25

industries

by employment

The *Business Examiner* is undergoing a year-long journey through business in the South Sound by documenting commerce-related jobs in each edition through the year. Each edition of the BE will spotlight some form of employment in this Top 25 photo feature. We have gathered employment numbers by industry for the counties that make up the South Sound and will be working our way up to the top employment category by year's end. You are more than welcome to participate in this effort by suggesting an employment category to profile.

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This installment of our employment feature looks at professional services, which employs more than 15,000 people around the South Sound and ranges from legal and specialty services to efficiency and communication consultations.

1. Professional services takes on many forms. A handful of those forms can be found in one view down the row of tables at Suite133, a co-working space - part office, part brain trust and part collaborative, creative nexus. Tacoma's first co-working space is operated by three partners - Derek Young, the man behind the community blog Exit133.com, HoratioTheater's Erik Hanberg and creative design specialist Seamus Holman. Designers do contract work at one table while a real estate agent sets appointments at the other.

2. Realtor Marguerite Giguere spends time at the Tacoma office while working for Spanaway-based Crescent Realty. When her territorial focus began to center on Tacoma, Giguere needed a home base close to her clients. "This is basically my landing pad," said Giguere.

3. Not all professional services are white collar. DeWayne Cloud, a sanitation technician for Puyallup-based Northwest Cascade, handles portable toilets, which requires specific training and expertise.

4. AppTech isn't just a "technology" company. It's specialists provide consultation services as well as computer repair work from its Tacoma office.

