



## King County

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***Lloyd Hara***  
***Assessor***

Dear Property Owners:

Property assessments for the 2014 assessment year are being completed by my staff throughout the year and change of value notices are being mailed as neighborhoods are completed. We value property at fee simple, reflecting property at its highest and best use and following the requirement of RCW 84.40.030 to appraise property at true and fair value.

We have worked hard to implement your suggestions to place more information in an e-Environment to meet your needs for timely and accurate information. The following report summarizes the results of the 2014 assessment for this area. (See map within report). It is meant to provide you with helpful background information about the process used and basis for property assessments in your area.

Fair and uniform assessments set the foundation for effective government and I am pleased that we are able to make continuous and ongoing improvements to serve you.

Please feel welcome to call my staff if you have questions about the property assessment process and how it relates to your property.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Hara  
Assessor



# Executive Summary Report

**Appraisal Date 1/1/2014 - 2014 Assessment Roll – 2015 Tax Roll Year**

**Specialty Name:** Industrial

**Sales - Improved Summary:**

Number of Sales: 1

Sale Date: 11/1/2013

The one industrial sale transaction that occurred between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013 was not utilized since the sale involved the purchase of a build to suit property.

In the absence of any improved sales transactions relevant to the population of industrial parcels, a ratio study analysis is not included in this report. The small sample size of the improved sales transactions within the industrial specialty precludes any meaningful statistical analysis.

**Total Population – Average Improved Parcel Summary Data:**

	<b>Total Land Value</b>	<b>Total Improvement Value</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
<b>2013 Value</b>	599,638,200	466,957,500	106,595,700
<b>2014 Value</b>	649,718,400	491,407,000	114,125,400
<b>Change</b>	17,033,500	7,380,000	24,413,500
<b>% Change</b>	8.35%	5.24%	6.99%

Population: 105 parcels.

**Conclusion and Recommendation:**

The values recommended in this report improve uniformity and equity, the specialty appraiser recommends posting them for the 2014 assessment year.

The process and results were reviewed for quality control and administrative purposes.

## **Analysis Process**

**Effective Date of Appraisal:** January 1, 2014

**Date of Appraisal Report:** June 5, 2014

### **Highest and Best Use Analysis:**

**As if vacant:** Market analysis of this area, together with current zoning and current anticipated use patterns, indicate the highest and best use of the majority of the appraised parcels as commercial. Any opinion not consistent with this is specifically noted in the records and considered in the valuation of the specific parcel.

**As if improved:** Based on neighborhood trends, both demographic and current development patterns, the existing buildings represent the highest and best use of most sites. The existing use will continue until land value, in its highest and best use, exceeds the sum of value of the entire property in its existing use and the cost to remove the improvements. We find that the current improvements do add value to the property, in most cases, and are therefore the highest and best use of the property as improved. In those properties where the property is not at its highest and best use, a nominal value of \$1,000.00 is assigned to the improvements. In some instances, the property is reassigned to the geographic appraiser.

**Standards and Measurement of Data Accuracy:** Each sale was verified with the buyer, seller, real estate agent or tenant when possible. Current data was verified and corrected when necessary via field inspection.

### **Special Assumptions, Departures and Limiting Conditions**

The sales comparison, income and cost approaches to value were considered for this mass appraisal valuation.

The following Departmental guidelines were considered and adhered to:

- Sales from 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2013 were considered in all analyses. The sole sale that occurred during this time period is a build to suit facility.
- This report intends to meet the requirements of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, Standard 6.

## Identification of the Area

**Name or Designation:** Specialty Area 540 - Industrial Properties

**Boundaries:** King County

### Maps:

A general map of the area is included in this report. More detailed Assessor's maps are located on the 7th floor of the King County Administration Building.

### Population:

Total Population	South King	Central West	Central East	Northwest	Northeast	East
105	24	20	17	17	15	12

### Specialty Description:

#### Industrial Property

“Ideally, a combination of land, improvements, and machinery which has been integrated into a functioning unit intended for the assembling, processing, and manufacturing of finished or partially finished products from raw materials or fabricated parts, such as factories; or a similar combination intended for rendering service, such as laundries, dry cleaners, storage; or for the production of natural resources, such as oil wells.”<sup>[1]</sup>

Special characteristics of industrial properties are summarized by the Encyclopedia of Real Estate Appraising as follows:<sup>[1]</sup>

1. Greater tendency towards special-use design.
2. Greater average annual obsolescence rate.
3. Large number of locational determinants.
4. Less speculative value in improved properties.
5. Reluctance of banks to make loans on industrial property.
6. Importance of credit rating of occupant.

For the 2014 revalue year, six parcels presently improved and used for broadcasting facilities are included in the specialty category for industrial property. Although these properties were not built for manufacturing nor intended for use as such, they were included in the industrial specialty because of the special purpose use of these facilities.

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<sup>[1]</sup>Edith J. Friedman, Encyclopedia of Real Estate Appraising, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 1978) 479-480.

## **Forces Impacting Market Value of Industrial Property**

Industries are affected by a multitude of external (factors affecting a particular industry) and internal (the specific property under appraisal) economic pressures. Value influencing factors unique to the industrial appraisal include labor markets, rail and shipping connections, availability/cost of raw materials (scarcity of raw materials,) production plant layout functionality, investor's expectations, technological modernization (including retooling,) economy (supply and demand) and environmental concerns. Considerations for the forces impacting market value are demonstrated in the forms of physical depreciation, functional and external economic obsolescence.

### **Recognition of all Forms of Depreciation**

Depreciation is a loss in property value for any reason and from all causes. "Depreciation in an improvement can result from three major causes operating separately or in combination:

- **“Physical deterioration** [is a decrease in value caused by] wear and tear from regular use, the impact of the elements, or damage.”<sup>[2]</sup> Physical deterioration can be quantified by the incursion of excess operating costs translated into a percentage of depreciation.
- **“Functional obsolescence** [results in a loss in value due to] a flaw in the structure, materials, or design that diminishes the function, utility, and value of the improvements.”<sup>[2]</sup> Functional obsolescence may occur when technological changes caused by new inventions adversely affect an existing facility that continues to work as efficiently as when it was new; however, the intended function has become outdated. Functional obsolescence is generally quantified and addressed by appropriately applying the subsequent methodologies, capitalizing excess operating costs, reducing value by the capital cost of the excess capacity, estimating the capital costs to cure a deficiency.
- **“External obsolescence** [results in] a temporary or impairment of utility ... of an improvement or property due to negative influences outside the property.”<sup>[2]</sup> Due to the fixed location of real estate, external influences usually cannot be controlled by the tenant or owner. External obsolescence can be quantified by capitalizing the loss of income or using the sales comparison method.

### **Changing Consumer Product Demands**

Product innovation and technology, as well as changing consumer needs, affects both the nation's manufacturing industry and the production and harvesting of natural resources. Manufacturers of consumer goods have shifted their approach with the evolution of technology. The focus has shifted to increasing the production rate through flexibility of production.

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<sup>[2]</sup>The Appraisal of Real Estate, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, (Chicago, IL.: Appraisal Institute, 2008) 391-392.

Production flexibility is being achieved with advances in automation and lean manufacturing will techniques. Cost reduction strategies include reducing the labor intensity and increasing peak flexibility in the modification of production lines. Manufacturing industries face the challenge of constantly improving their products and bringing new products to the market, while keeping their prices low.

### **Economic Influences on Industrial Production during Post Recession Recovery**

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (USEIA) “2014 Annual Energy Outlook” concluded an anticipated modest rate of average annual growth in real gross domestic product (GDP) from 2012 to 2025 of 2.5 percent per year, with the industrial sector growing by 2.8% per year. The 2012 through 2040 output growth rates vary among industries, with iron and steel averaging 0.9% per year and a cement industry 2.5% per year. Industrial production is expected to expand over the next 10 to 15 years as the competitive advantage of low natural gas prices provides a boost to the industrial sector with increasing natural gas. However, after 2025, industrial output growth is projected to slow as a result of increased foreign competition and rising energy prices.<sup>[3]</sup>

Issues such as financial market reform, fiscal policies, and financial problems in Europe, among others, affect both short run and long-run growth, adding uncertainty to the projections. For example, in 2011, the world economy experienced shocks that included turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa, a Greek debt crisis with financial impacts spreading to other Eurozone countries, and an earthquake in Japan, all leading to slower economic growth. The economic impact from these events continues as China showing signs of slackening growth (even though their industrial production has increased.) U.S. growth projections in part reflect those world events.

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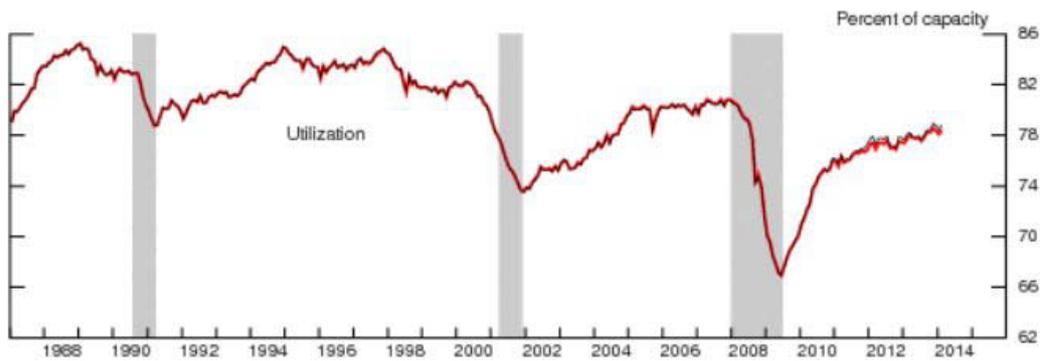
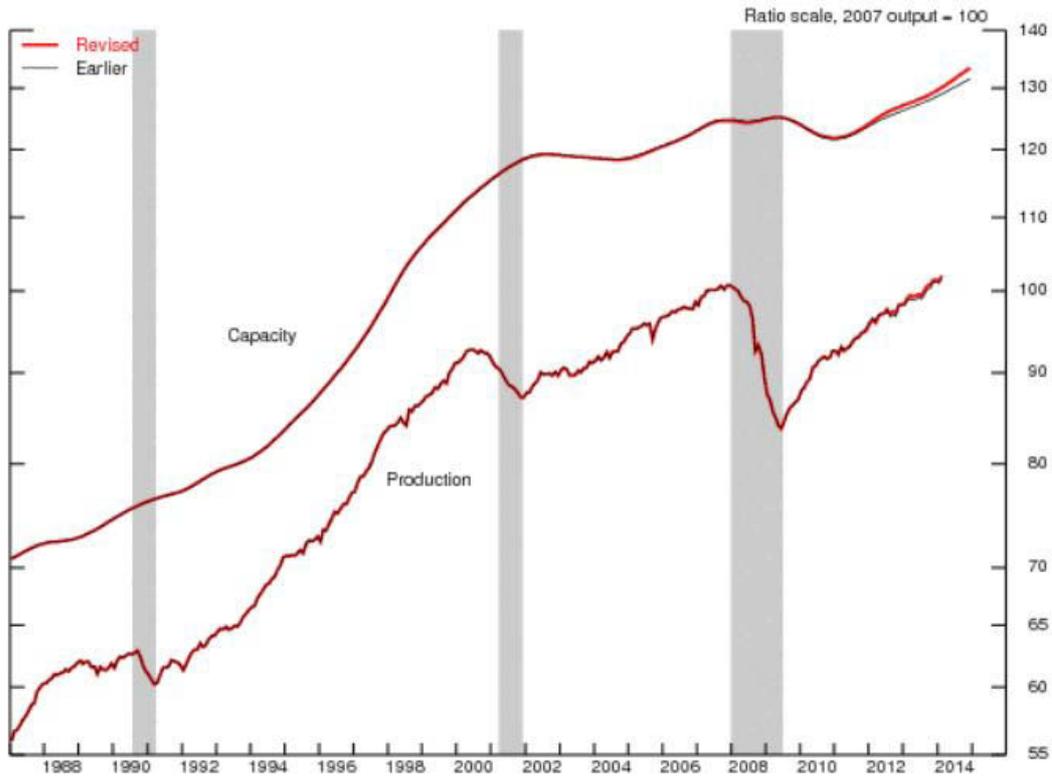
<sup>[3]</sup>United States, Independent Statistics and Analysis U.S. Energy Information Administration, “Trends in Economic Activity,” Annual Energy Outlook, Report #DOE/EIA-0383, 14 May 2014, 9 June 2014, <[http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/MT\\_economic.cfm](http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/MT_economic.cfm)>.

Industrial sector output has grown more slowly than the overall economy in recent decades, as imports have met a growing share of demand for industrial goods, whereas the service sector has grown more rapidly. Strong growth in exports of goods and services is an important component of projected growth in the transportation equipment, electronics, and machinery industries. From 2012 to 2040, real export of goods and services increase by an average of 5.5 percent per year, while real imports of goods and services grow by an average of 3.8 percent per year. As the recovery continues and increased oil and natural gas production from shale resources begins to affect U.S. competitiveness; however, growth in U.S. manufacturing output expected to accelerate through 2025.<sup>[4]</sup>

The optimistic outlook is based on the positive growth, albeit minimal in some cases, of the five major indicators, including labor, wholesale and retail sales, industrial production, gross domestic product, and personal income. Manufacturing activity, as measured by the Institute for Supply Management's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), has remained above 50 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2012 (50 or higher indicates growth.)

[4]United States, Independent Statistics and Analysis U.S. Energy Information Administration, “Trends in Economic Activity,” Annual Energy Outlook, Report #DOE/EIA-0383, 14 May 2014, 9 June 2014, <[http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/MT\\_economic.cfm](http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/MT_economic.cfm)>.

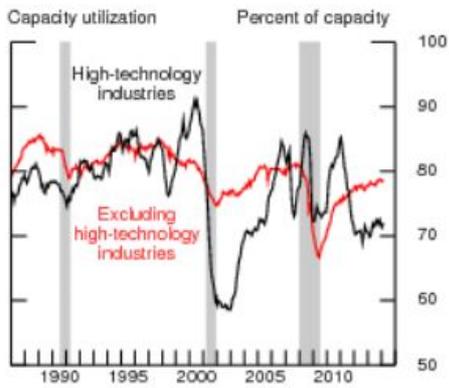
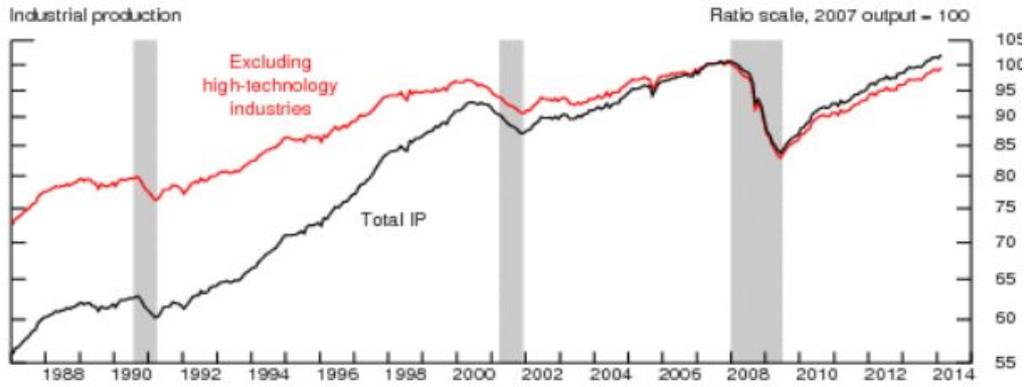
### Industrial Production Capacity Utilization



Note: The shaded areas represent periods of business recession as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

### Total Industrial Production, Capacity and Utilization [5]

[5]United States, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, "Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization-G17,Chart 1-Industrial Production, Capacity, and Capacity Utilization," U.S. Federal Reserve, 28 March 2014, 10 June 2014, <<http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/Current/revchart1.gif>>.



**Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization, excluding high-technology industries<sup>[6]</sup>**

<sup>[6]</sup>United States, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, “Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization-G17, Chart 2-Industrial Production, Capacity, and Capacity Utilization,” U.S. Federal Reserve, 28 March 2014, 10 June 2014, <<http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/Current/revchart2.gif>>.

“The Federal Reserve Board constructs estimates of capacity and capacity utilization for industries in manufacturing, mining, and electric and gas utilities. For a given industry, the capacity utilization rate is equal to an output index (seasonally adjusted) divided by a capacity index. The Federal Reserve Board’s capacity indexes attempt to capture the concept of sustainable maximum output, [which is defined] the greatest level of output a plant can maintain within the framework of a realistic work schedule, after factoring in normal peak downtime and assuming sufficient availability of inputs to operate the capital in place.”<sup>[7]</sup>

Total industrial production in the U.S. in December of 2013 was at 101.4 percent of the 2007 level, 3.3 percent above the level one year earlier.<sup>[8]</sup> From June 2009, the trough of the recent recession, to February 2014, manufacturing production rose 21.8%, but it was still 3% below its pre-recession peak. After having decreased each year from 2008 to 2010, manufacturing capacity rose slightly in 2011 and then increased around 2% in 2012 and in 2013; it is expected to advance at a somewhat faster pace in 2014. Total capacity contracted in 2010 before increasing in 2011, 2012, and 2013.<sup>[9]</sup>

Capacity utilization for total industry has risen each year from 2010 to 2013. In 2013, capacity utilization for total industry was 78.4 %, a rate 1.7 percentage points below its long-run average of 80.1% (1972–2013).<sup>[9]</sup> Both industrial production and capacity utilization were influenced by high-technology industries, with a decrease of production and increase of capacity utilization when excluding high-tech industries.

The Federal Reserve revision for 2014 was more limited than in recent years because the source data required to extend the annual benchmark indexes of production for 2012 were mostly unavailable. At the time of publication of the Federal Reserve revision, the US Census Bureau had not issued detailed results of the 2012 Census of Manufactures.

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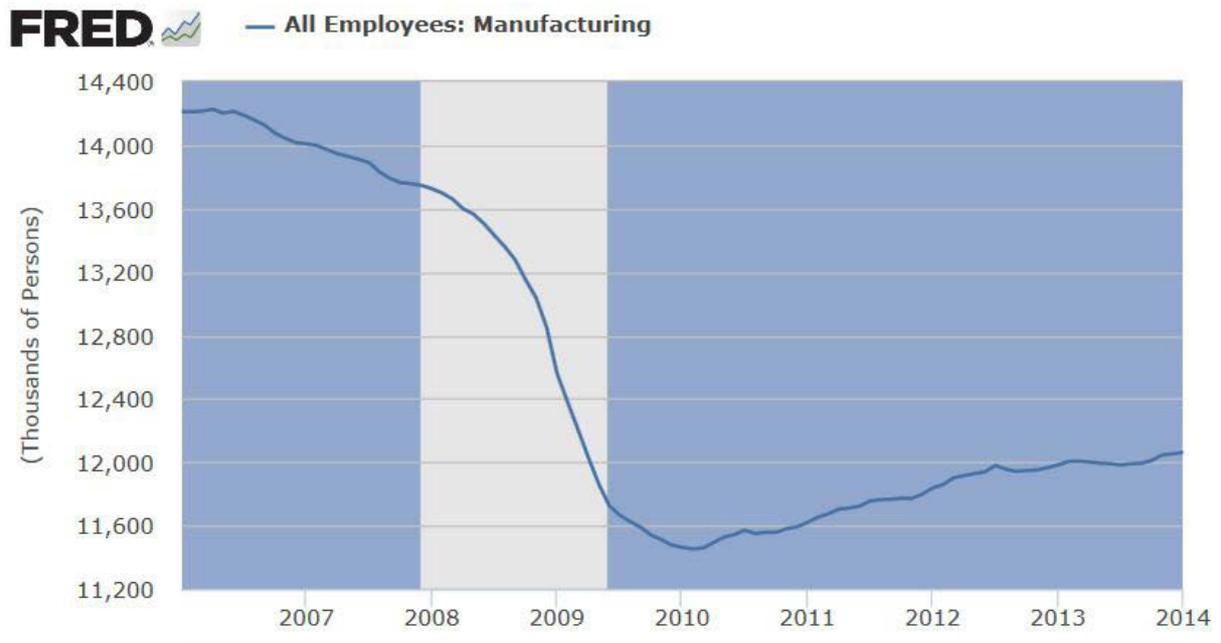
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<sup>[8]</sup>United States, Federal Reserve, “Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization-G17: Summary,” U.S. Federal Reserve, 14 February 2014, 10 June 2014, <<http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/20140214.htm>>.

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## The U.S. Economy versus the State of Washington Economy

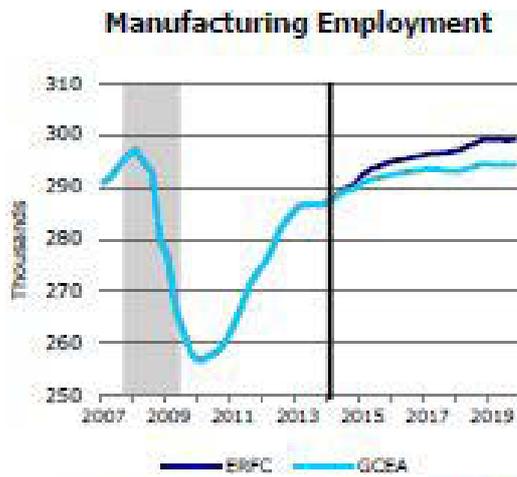
### United States Total Manufacturing Employment<sup>[10]</sup>



Source: U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics

<sup>[10]</sup>Federal Bank St. Louis, “Economic Research,” All Employees Manufacturing, 1 January 2014, 11 June 2014, <<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/graph/series/MANEMP>>.

### Washington State Total Manufacturing Employment<sup>[11]</sup>



Source: ESD, ERFC, GCEA; data through 2014 Q1

<sup>[11]</sup>“Economic Review Meeting,” Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, State of Washington, 5 June 14.

According to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment rose in 9 of the 10 counties in Washington from September 2012 to September 2013. The largest employment increase was 3.7% in King County. Nationwide employment advanced 1.7% during the same time span.

The 2014 Manufacturers News, Incorporated (MNI,) reported manufacturing employment in Washington state increased 2.3% over the past year. From February, 2013 to February, 2014 Washington added 7,228 manufacturing jobs, representing a 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year of gains. The Northwest region of Washington accounts for the most industrial employment in the state and the city of Seattle the top industrial employment city. Seattle experienced a 5.7% increase in employment in the manufacturing sector over the past year.

Labor productivity is expected to continue to increase at a faster rate than the labor force. U.S. labor force growth slows over the projection period as the baby boom generation starts to retire, but projected growth in business fixed investment and spending on research and development offsets the slowdown in labor force.

## **PHYSICAL INSPECTION AREA**

No physical inspection of Industrial properties occurred during this revalue year.

### **Preliminary Ratio Analysis:**

No ratio study was performed for industrial properties. The market for heavy industrial properties is extremely limited. By definition, these properties are useful for a single or special limited purpose and rarely sell for investment reasons.

The sole sale occurring between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013 was on November 1, 2013. The Hospital Central Services Laundry sold for \$25,565,665. The newly constructed build to suit nature of the improvements result in property characteristics which are not readily comparable to the population of industrial properties has a whole within King County.

## **Land Value**

### **Land Sales, Analysis, Conclusions:**

Geographic appraisers are responsible for the determination of the assessed valuation for land. Analysis and application of land value occurs during every annual revaluation cycle with each individual industrial property assigned to the geographic area in which it is situated. A list of vacant sales used and those considered not reflective of market are contained in the respective geographic appraiser reports.

## **Improved Parcel Total Values**

### **Sales comparison approach model description:**

The sales comparison approach was not utilized due to insufficient sales. In general, use of the sales comparison approach can also be problematic from a reliability standpoint due to the diversity of the distinct industrial classifications. Additionally, the unique characteristics reflected within this property type may include features custom designed for an explicit function of a production line, which can result in inherent shortfall in the application of the sales comparison approach.

### **Cost approach model description and calibration:**

The cost approach was the primary valuation methodology utilized for industrial properties. Cost estimates are automatically calculated via the Marshall & Swift cost modeling system.

Depreciation calculations were based on studies conducted by Marshall & Swift Valuation Service. Marshall & Swift cost data automatically adjusts to both the western region of the United States, as well as directly to the Seattle area. The cost calculations are automatically calibrated to the data in place in the Real Property Application. The Department of Revenue (DOR) 2014 Trended Depreciation Tables were applied to depreciate accessory improvements.

Any appropriate adjustments for functional, locational, and economic obsolescence were considered when warranted, with the provision of adequate documentation supplied by the manufacturer. Extraordinary obsolescence calculations were based on the cost to cure, excess operating expenses, supply and demand industry data, and capacity levels based on specific industry standards.

**Income capitalization approach model description:**

The income approach was not utilized to value the industrial specialty properties. For the valuation of general use buildings, the income approach may be considered one of the preferable approaches as buyers normally purchase income producing properties based on their ability to generate income. The validity of this approach is subject to the amount of sales and rental data available, which in the case of specialized industrial properties is rarely available. Also, the assets would need to be separated in the application of the income approach. Infrastructure needed to accommodate specific manufacturing processes would not necessarily be accounted for in the income approach. A function of applying income methodology on a specialized industrial property would include a determination of any super adequacies exist and their impact on value.

**Reconciliation:**

All parcels were individually reviewed for correctness of the model application before final value selection and reviewed by the senior appraiser prior to posting. The factors analyzed in the process of establishing value utilizing the model constructs were subject to adjustment by the appraiser. Any appropriate adjustments for functional, locational, and economic obsolescence were considered, with the provision of adequate documentation, and adjusted when warranted.

## **Model Validation**

### **Total Value Conclusions, Recommendations and Validation:**

Appraiser judgment prevails in all decisions regarding individual parcel valuation. Each parcel in the physical inspection neighborhood is field reviewed and a value selected based on general and specific data pertaining to the parcel, the neighborhood, and the market. The Appraiser determines which available value estimate may be appropriate and may adjust for particular characteristics and conditions as they occur in the valuation area. Appropriate adjustments were applied when warranted, with the provision of adequate documentation

The Specialty Appraiser recommends application of the Appraiser selected values, as indicated by the appropriate model or method.

Using the concept of highest and best use, some of the land values in this area exceeded the value of the entire property in its present use and the cost to remove the improvements. For those properties where the improvement is not at its highest and best use, a nominal value of \$1,000 is assigned to the improvements. Other factors that may affect assessed values include industrial market conditions, and property characteristic updates.

The total assessed value for the 2013 assessment year within the industrial specialty was \$106,595,700. The total recommended assessed value for the 2014 assessment year is \$114,125,400. The increase in overall assessed value is in part attributed to the calculation of total assessed value prior to any warranted contamination reductions by the contamination specialist. Some of the valuation changes may be a result of characteristic updates. In some instances, an obsolescence reduction was not applied due to lack of taxpayer supplied data. Application of the recommended values for the 2014 assessment year (taxes payable in 2015) results in an average total change from the 2013 assessments of 6.99%.

# USPAP Compliance

## Client and Intended Use of the Appraisal:

This mass appraisal report is intended for use by the public, King County Assessor and other agencies or departments administering or confirming ad valorem property taxes. Use of this report by others for other purposes is not intended by the appraiser. The use of this appraisal, analyses and conclusions is limited to the administration of ad valorem property taxes in accordance with Washington State law. As such it is written in concise form to minimize paperwork. The assessor intends that this report conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) requirements for a mass appraisal report as stated in USPAP SR 6-8. To fully understand this report the reader may need to refer to the Assessor's Property Record Files, Assessors Real Property Data Base, separate studies, Assessor's Procedures, Assessor's field maps, Revalue Plan and the statutes.

The purpose of this report is to explain and document the methods, data and analysis used in the revaluation of King County. King County is on a six year physical inspection cycle with annual statistical updates. The revaluation plan is approved by Washington State Department of Revenue. The Revaluation Plan is subject to their periodic review.

## Definition and date of value estimate:

### Market Value

The basis of all assessments is the true and fair value of property. True and fair value means market value (Spokane etc. R. Company v. Spokane County, 75 Wash. 72 (1913); Mason County Overtaxed, Inc. v. Mason County, 62 Wn. 2d (1963); AGO 57-58, No. 2, 1/8/57; AGO 65-66, No. 65, 12/31/65).

The true and fair value of a property in money for property tax valuation purposes is its "market value" or amount of money a buyer willing but not obligated to buy would pay for it to a seller willing but not obligated to sell. In arriving at a determination of such value, the assessing officer can consider only those factors which can within reason be said to affect the price in negotiations between a willing purchaser and a willing seller, and he must consider all of such factors. (AGO 65,66, No. 65, 12/31/65)

Retrospective market values are reported herein because the date of the report is subsequent to the effective date of valuation. The analysis reflects market conditions that existed on the effective date of appraisal.

### Highest and Best Use

#### RCW 84.40.030

*All property shall be valued at one hundred percent of its true and fair value in money and assessed on the same basis unless specifically provided otherwise by law.*

*An assessment may not be determined by a method that assumes a land usage or highest and best use not permitted, for that property being appraised, under existing zoning or land use planning ordinances or statutes or other government restrictions.*

#### WAC 458-07-030 (3) True and fair value -- Highest and best use.

*Unless specifically provided otherwise by statute, all property shall be valued on the basis of its highest and best use for assessment purposes. Highest and best use is the most profitable, likely use to which a property can be put. It is the use which will yield the highest return on the owner's investment. Any reasonable use to which the property may be put may be taken into consideration and if it is peculiarly adapted to some particular use, that fact may be taken into consideration. Uses that are within the realm of possibility, but not reasonably probable of occurrence, shall not be considered in valuing property at its highest and best use.*

If a property is particularly adapted to some particular use this fact may be taken into consideration in estimating the highest and best use. (Sammish Gun Club v. Skagit County, 118 Wash. 578 (1922))

The present use of the property may constitute its highest and best use. The appraiser shall, however, consider the uses to which similar property similarly located is being put. (Finch v. Grays Harbor County, 121 Wash. 486 (1922))

The fact that the owner of the property chooses to use it for less productive purposes than similar land is being used shall be ignored in the highest and best use estimate. (Sammish Gun Club v. Skagit County, 118 Wash. 578 (1922))

Where land has been classified or zoned as to its use, the county assessor may consider this fact, but he shall not be bound to such zoning in exercising his judgment as to the highest and best use of the property. (AGO 63-64, No. 107, 6/6/64)

## **Date of Value Estimate**

### **RCW 84.36.005**

*All property now existing, or that is hereafter created or brought into this state, shall be subject to assessment and taxation for state, county, and other taxing district purposes, upon equalized valuations thereof, fixed with reference thereto on the first day of January at twelve o'clock meridian in each year, excepting such as is exempted from taxation by law.*

### **RCW 36.21.080**

*The county assessor is authorized to place any property that is increased in value due to construction or alteration for which a building permit was issued, or should have been issued, under chapter 19.27, 19.27A, or 19.28 RCW or other laws providing for building permits on the assessment rolls for the purposes of tax levy up to August 31st of each year. The assessed valuation of the property shall be considered as of July 31st of that year.*

Reference should be made to the property card or computer file as to when each property was valued. Sales consummating before and after the appraisal date may be used and are analyzed as to their indication of value at the date of valuation. If market conditions have changed then the appraisal will state a logical cutoff date after which no market date is used as an indicator of value.

## **Property Rights Appraised: Fee Simple**

### **Wash Constitution Article 7 § 1 Taxation:**

*All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected for public purposes only. The word "property" as used herein shall mean and include everything, whether tangible or intangible, subject to ownership. All real estate shall constitute one class.*

**Trimble v. Seattle, 231 U.S. 683, 689, 58 L. Ed. 435, 34 S. Ct. 218 (1914)**

*...the entire [fee] estate is to be assessed and taxed as a unit...*

**Folsom v. Spokane County, 111 Wn. 2d 256 (1988)**

*...the ultimate appraisal should endeavor to arrive at the fair market value of the property as if it were an unencumbered fee...*

**The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Appraisal Institute.**

*Absolute ownership unencumbered by any other interest or estate, subject only to the limitations imposed by the governmental powers of taxation, eminent domain, police power, and escheat.*

**Assumptions and Limiting Conditions:**

1. No opinion as to title is rendered. Data on ownership and legal description were obtained from public records. Title is assumed to be marketable and free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, easements and restrictions unless shown on maps or property record files. The property is appraised assuming it to be under responsible ownership and competent management and available for its highest and best use.
2. No engineering survey has been made by the appraiser. Except as specifically stated, data relative to size and area were taken from sources considered reliable, and no encroachment of real property improvements is assumed to exist.
3. No responsibility for hidden defects or conformity to specific governmental requirements, such as fire, building and safety, earthquake, or occupancy codes, can be assumed without provision of specific professional or governmental inspections.
4. Rental areas herein discussed have been calculated in accord with generally accepted industry standards.
5. The projections included in this report are utilized to assist in the valuation process and are based on current market conditions and anticipated short term supply demand factors. Therefore, the projections are subject to changes in future conditions that cannot be accurately predicted by the appraiser and could affect the future income or value projections.
6. The property is assumed uncontaminated unless the owner comes forward to the Assessor and provides other information.

7. The appraiser is not qualified to detect the existence of potentially hazardous material which may or may not be present on or near the property. The existence of such substances may have an effect on the value of the property. No consideration has been given in this analysis to any potential diminution in value should such hazardous materials be found (unless specifically noted). We urge the taxpayer to retain an expert in the field and submit data affecting value to the assessor.
8. No opinion is intended to be expressed for legal matters or that would require specialized investigation or knowledge beyond that ordinarily employed by real estate appraisers, although such matters may be discussed in the report.
9. Maps, plats and exhibits included herein are for illustration only, as an aid in visualizing matters discussed within the report. They should not be considered as surveys or relied upon for any other purpose.
10. The appraisal is the valuation of the fee simple interest. Unless shown on the Assessor's parcel maps, easements adversely affecting property value were not considered.
11. An attempt to segregate personal property from the real estate in this appraisal has been made.
12. Items which are considered to be "typical finish" and generally included in a real property transfer, but are legally considered leasehold improvements are included in the valuation unless otherwise noted.
13. The movable equipment and/or fixtures have not been appraised as part of the real estate. The identifiable permanently fixed equipment has been appraised in accordance with RCW 84.04.090 and WAC 458-12-010.
14. I have considered the effect of value of those anticipated public and private improvements of which I have common knowledge. I can make no special effort to contact the various jurisdictions to determine the extent of their public improvements.
15. Exterior inspections were made of all properties in the physical inspection areas (outlined in the body of the report) however; due to lack of access and time few received interior inspections.

### **Scope of Work Performed:**

Research and analyses performed are identified in the body of the revaluation report. The assessor has no access to title reports and other documents. Because of legal limitations we did not research such items as easements, restrictions, encumbrances, leases, reservations, covenants, contracts, declarations and special assessments. Disclosure of interior home features and, actual income and expenses by

property owners is not a requirement by law therefore attempts to obtain and analyze this information are not always successful. The mass appraisal performed must be completed in the time limits indicated in the Revaluation Plan and as budgeted. The scope of work performed and disclosure of research and analyses not performed are identified throughout the body of the report.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

*I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:*

- *The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct*
- *The report analyses, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions and is my personal, impartial, and unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions.*
- *I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal interest with respect to the parties involved.*
- *I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved.*
- *My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.*
- *My compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.*
- *My analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.*
- *The area(s) physically inspected for purposes of this revaluation are outlined in the body of this report.*
- *The individuals listed below were part of the “appraisal team” within the past three years and provided significant real property appraisal assistance to the person signing this certification. Such duties, responsibilities and services include, but are not limited to physical inspection, revalue, appeal response preparation, appeal hearing appearance, data collection, sale verification, new construction evaluation, and any other service which may be required from time to time and be determined significant or otherwise during the fulfillment of position requirements, and are made part of each real property parcel, is a matter of public record and this certification by reference.*
  
- *All services as may be variously defined significant or otherwise, and performed by duly authorized and qualified King County Assessment staff employed in the areas of Public Information, Accounting/Abstract, Commercial, Residential, Information Services, Personal Property, Accounting/Mapping, Accounting/Support, Accounting/Appeals, Chief Appraiser, Accounting/Exemptions, Accounting/Levy Administration, who may have involvement in physical inspection, revalue, appeal response preparation, appeal hearing appearance, data collection, sale verification, new construction evaluation, and any other service which may be*

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