

Located in "The #1 State to Start a Business"

# SPOKANE

Washington ranks first in the U.S. in pursuing alternative-energy sources. It also has a highly productive manufacturing sector, signaling high wages and a tech-intensive economy. Washington has very low taxes, reducing your costs of growing a business. It does not have personal income or capital-gains taxes.

*U.S. News and World Report, January 6, 2009*



The Spokane Region provides the ideal balance of economic success and recreational bliss



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*"Because most of our samples come from other parts of the country, we could not have established Signature Genomics anywhere. However, we were drawn to Spokane for many reasons, particularly the fact that there are four universities in the area and we could hire from each of them for our staffing needs. This has worked very well for us and we have acquired a very talented work force."*

Lisa G. Shaffer, CEO

Signature Genomic Laboratories

The Spokane-based company, which provides diagnostic genetic testing, experienced over 1,700% growth from 2004 to 2007.

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