

Mobilisa, Inc.

Headquarters: Port Townsend, WA

Company Established: 2001

Employees: 23

Primary Product: Mobile & Wireless Software Development

Dr. Nelson Ludlow has traveled the world, serving as an Air Force officer, mathematician, pilot, intelligence officer, technical director of artificial intelligence and professor of computer science. Three years ago, he returned to Washington to start Mobilisa, Inc, a leading provider of mobile and wireless solutions for government and military. In June, 2004, Mobilisa was selected by Washington CEO Magazine as one of the Best Companies to Work For in Washington State. In fact, Mobilisa was the top information technology organization in the small business category.

"I grew up in Oak Harbor, Washington and attended Washington State University. After college I joined the Air Force and continued my education in many places around the world, receiving my PhD from the University of Edinburgh and Post-Doctoral work at Cambridge. Twenty-five years later, I returned to Washington to start my own company," says Ludlow. Dr. Ludlow chose Port Townsend for its close proximity to the area's military installations, as well as for its lower start-up costs. He wanted to locate the company in a rural area, away from the I-5 corridor and resulting commute but not too far from Seattle.

Mobilisa is currently installing wireless internet onboard Washington State Ferries, which will allow travelers the opportunity to surf the web using their wireless-enabled laptops and PDAs. Developing this system and other applications for government and military customers requires a highly educated workforce. In three years, Mobilisa has grown to 23 employees with roughly half of their employees already living in the Port Townsend area and others relocating from all over the state.

Recently, Mobilisa moved to an industrial park in Port Townsend that provides both the additional office space and telecommunication infrastructure needed by this growing business. According to Kenna Pope, the company's office manager and media coordinator, "As a high-tech company we are at the cutting edge of technology. We have state-of-the-art computer systems, as well as top of the line telecommunications systems."

Mobilisa has also opened offices in San Diego, Anchorage, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Washington DC. As their customer base and product line expands, Mobilisa wants to continue to grow in the Olympic Coastal Region. "Due to the nature of our business, we require highly skilled employees with specific emphasis on technology. With additional education and training in computer science available on the Olympic Peninsula our chance of locating eligible employees locally greatly increases," says Pope. Just as Mobilisa's software connects people, the company is working with business associations, workforce development organizations and others to find ways to increase access to a skilled labor pool. Current employees count themselves fortunate to work for Mobilisa. Developing the local workforce will help Mobilisa succeed and provide others an opportunity to join one of the Best Companies to Work for in Washington.

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