Agile Space Industries in Bellevue (Oct 2026): Propulsion Talent Density Behind the 20–30 Engineer Hub

Pillar: Company Decisions | **Basis:** Oct 2026 Bellevue Lease & Press Release | **Primary Source:** Agile Space Industries / GeekWire | **As Of:** Oct 2026 Expansion (verified Nov 2026)

In October 2026, in-space chemical propulsion developer Agile Space Industries opened an engineering office (~5,500–5,740 sq ft at Sunset North along I-90 in Bellevue) led by CTO Jake Mills, targeting a 20–30 engineer team drawn from Puget Sound's propulsion and satellite cluster.

Documented Policy & Site-Selection Record

• October 2026 Opening: Agile Space Industries subleased ~5,500–5,740 sq ft at the Sunset North office complex along I-90 in Bellevue, WA.

• Leadership & Team Target: Led by CTO Jake Mills (a former Blue Origin propulsion engineer), the office launched with existing staff and plans to scale to 20–30 engineers.

• Why Bellevue: Agile Space explicitly cited proximity to Puget Sound's deep propulsion and aerospace engineering pool (neighboring Blue Origin in Kent, Aerojet Rocketdyne in Redmond, and Starlink in Redmond).

• Non-Floodplain Siting: Located along I-90 in Bellevue, the engineering office sits outside the Green River Valley industrial floodplain.

Agile Space Industries Bellevue Profile

Attribute	Documented Detail	Source
Location	Sunset North, I-90 corridor, Bellevue, WA	Agile Space / GeekWire (Oct 2026)
Square Footage	~5,500–5,740 sq ft sublease	GeekWire / Census #1490
Hiring Target	20–30 propulsion & aerospace engineers	Agile Space Press Release
Primary Pull Factor	Regional propulsion & satellite engineering talent	Agile Space / Alliance Velocity

Founder, Staffer & Site-Selector Takeaways

• Founder Takeaway: Eastside I-90 offices (Bellevue) offer immediate access to ex-Blue Origin and ex-Aerojet propulsion talent without Green River floodplain exposure.

• Staffer Takeaway: Agile Space's Oct 2026 move occurred after Lapsa's Sept 2026 warning, underscoring that talent pull and policy friction coexist simultaneously.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

• **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• **Agile Space Industries WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/agile-space-industries-bellevue-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Bellevue WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/bellevue-wa-space-cluster-profile/

• **Blue Origin WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/blue-origin-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Aerojet Rocketdyne (Redmond) WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/aerojet-rocketdyne-redmond-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Agile Space Industries Official Site:** https://agilespaceindustries.com/

• **GeekWire Aerospace Coverage:** https://www.geekwire.com/

Provenance Note: Sourced from Agile Space Industries Oct 2026 announcement and GeekWire reporting. Non-advocacy record.