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The Klickitat County Port District #1's Board of Commissioners broke ground on a new 10,000 square foot building and related infrastructure and landscaping improvements at Bingen Point on Tuesday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. The site for the new building is located directly to the south of the existing Port Office, located at 401 Bingen Pt. Way, Bingen, WA. The Port received seven (7) bids, which were opened May 5, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. The contract was awarded to TEAM CONSTRUCTION, INC. of Vancouver, WA by the Port's Board of Commissioners on May 9, 2000 in the amount of \$1,103,223.50, including WA State Sales Tax. The scheduled completion date is set for September 12, 2000.

The project was made possible through several generous grants - a \$100,000 grant from Klickitat County and a \$751,413 grant from the WA State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB). Additionally, a very competitive \$353,606 loan package was obtained from CERB.

The building was designed by CIDA, a Portland, OR, engineering and architectural design firm. The building design specifies a pre-engineered metal frame structure with concrete tilt up walls and a metal standing seam peaked roof. The building will be reached via a new, paved access road. A portion of the new building has been preliminarily leased to PBQ Designs, currently operating in Canby, OR. PBQ is a light manufacturer of barbeque implements targeted at the golf enthusiast.

The Bingen Point infrastructure improvements and new building will enable the Port of Klickitat to continue its efforts to increase employment opportunities and broaden the tax base of Klickitat County.

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