



## Port Launches Harbor Drive Project

**Bingen, Washington** – The Port of Klickitat is preparing to launch a project to improve one of the main roads at its Bingen Point Business Park and deliver utilities to the properties adjacent to it. The Harbor Drive Improvement Project will straighten the access road leading to the existing Port buildings and provide potable water, sanitary sewer, electric, telecommunications, and gas services to over seven acres of additional Port property.

Funding for the project is coming from a \$99,000 grant awarded by USDA Rural Development, a \$50,000 grant awarded by the Klickitat County EDA, a \$40,000 grant and \$310,000 loan package awarded by the Washington Community and Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), and additional funds from the Port itself.

“This is another important step in the Port's ongoing efforts to prepare the Bingen Point Business Park for further development,” said Marc Thornsby, the Port's Executive Director. “We are pleased that our partners recognize the importance of our continuing efforts and we are grateful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, CERB, and Klickitat County for their financial support as we continue to take concrete steps toward the achievement of our long-term economic development objectives.”

Additional benefits of the project include the creation of a looped water system to meet the fire flow requirements of future development, removal of the non-functioning traffic circle, and leveling of the road to align it with the target elevation of adjacent properties. “Though the extension of utilities may be considered the highlight of the project, these other benefits are just as important,” said Thornsby. “For years, the Port has recognized the safety issues with the traffic circle and the alignment and elevation of Harbor Drive as well as the need for a looped water system. This project addressed both, though in the case of the latter, on a smaller scale than previously envisioned.”

This project builds on the earthwork completed by the Port earlier in the year and will be followed by additional earthwork in 2011 and 2012. It will also provide connecting points for the future westward extension of E. Bingen Point Way, along with utilities, to serve the Port's remaining waterfront properties. Interested contractors may review the bid documents at the Port Office (Bingen, Washington), Tenneson Engineering (The Dalles, Oregon), and other locations as noted in the published Invitation to Bid. The deadline for bid submissions is August 9, 2010, at 2:00pm.

### At A Glance...

**Who:**.....Port of Klickitat  
**What:**.....Harbor Drive Project  
**When:**.....Aug.-Oct., 2010  
**Where:**...Bingen Point Bus. Park  
**Quick Facts:**.....The Port is re-aligning, and extending utilities along, Harbor Drive. This will provide infrastructure to over seven additional acres of Port property and create a looped water system.

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### **About the Port of Klickitat**

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84.

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