

Port of Kalama Honored with Pathways 2020 Community Champions Award for Economic Vitality

Kalama, WA (May 27, 2015)—The Port of Kalama has been honored with the Pathways 2020 Community Champions Award for Economic Vitality. The 'economic vitality' category awards organizations that excel at creating jobs, employee wellness, training, employable skills, new or expanding business, transportation, financial security, reducing poverty, and higher wages. Pathways 2020, a Cowlitz County nonprofit, also awards individuals and organizations that lead in the areas of education, housing, social cohesion, health and access to healthy foods.

Port of Kalama contributes to a thriving and livable community

Last year the Port of Kalama saw Temco's completion of a \$200 million renovation of their grain elevator while the Port managed the construction of new Administrative Offices and Interpretive Center. The Port also began construction of Haydu Park, baseball, soccer, tennis courts, basketball courts and expo area – the first phase of development at the recently annexed East Port. East Port will also include the multi-use Spencer Creek Business Center for a mix of light industrial, office, commercial and retail uses. In April of 2014, the Port completed an agreement with Northwest Innovation Works to build a \$1.8 billion natural gas to methanol conversion facility that is expected to create approximately 200 new jobs when completed.

"The Port's mission is to 'induce capital investment in an environmentally responsible manner to create jobs and enhance public recreational opportunities.' These projects collectively further every aspect of the Port's mission to contribute to an economically thriving, successful and livable region," says Randy Sweet, president, Port of Kalama Board of Commissioners. "We are so honored to receive this community recognition."

Pathways 2020 is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Cowlitz County through collaborative partnerships, resource mobilization, strategic planning and program development. Its mission is to promote and improve the health and well being of Cowlitz County by fostering community partnerships that provide the fabric and support each person needs to be a healthy and contributing member of the community.

About Port of Kalama – Where rail and water meet:

The Port of Kalama is located in Southwest Washington on the Columbia River and immediately off of Interstate Highway 5. The port exists to induce capital investment in an environmentally responsible manner to create jobs and to enhance public recreational opportunities. Port of Kalama's industrial area includes seven miles of riverfront property adjacent to the 43' federally-maintained deep draft navigation channel of the Columbia River. The Port is served by the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads. There are over 20 industries located at the Port of Kalama, employing over 800 people. Port of Kalama offers all the superior facilities businesses need to thrive, and an unsurpassed quality of life. The port offers shovel ready sites, a new Industrial Park, state of the art Marine Terminals and transportation accessibility to rail and highway all just a 25 minute drive to the Portland International Airport. Port of Kalama also offers high-bandwidth communications, with dual access fiber-optic service to Seattle and Portland. Properties currently available at the port for businesses wishing to expand and thrive: Visit <http://portofkalama.com>.

CONTACT: Claudia Johnson, Strategic Communications, 503-799-2220/cell