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RE: **PORT RECEIVES \$179,521 IN GRANTS** FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN & DESIGN ENGINEERING DALLESPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Port of Klickitat is the recipient of a U.S. Forest Service grant in the amount of \$50,000 and a Klickitat County grant in the amount of \$129,521. These grants will fund preliminary design and design engineering components which will provide the Port with engineering analysis and information required to pursue construction funding in order to make improvements to the Port's Dallesport Industrial Park's infrastructure. The benefits of these improvements include:

- 1. Increased value of industrial park to potential tenants by adding important utilities to approximately 35 acres.
- 2. Increased visibility to the public and potential tenants by improving appearance of entrance and streets with landscaping, signage, and paving.
- 3. Increased available acreage by refining easement and right-of-way widths and relocation of power lines.
- 4. Survey information will determine parcel boundaries, ending confusion when leasing Port property.
- 5. Improved reliability and safety of water system by fulfilling Washington Department of Health planning requirements, improving firefighting capabilities, adding additional disinfection capabilities, improving telemetry communications, and looping the water system.

In response to the Port of Klickitat's Request for Qualifications for this project, the Port entered into an agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, of Portland, OR, on August 16, 2001, to perform the following tasks to meet the Port's goals:

6. Preparation of a Water System Plan that conforms to Washington Department of Health requirements.

- 7. Develop recommendations for improving the binding site plan and perform survey activities as necessary to complete a revised Binding Site Plan.
- 8. Preparation of Plans and Specifications for infrastructure improvements in the Dallesport Industrial Park including extension of existing utilities, new utilities, road improvements, and miscellaneous water system improvements.
- 9. Obtain permits, licenses and/or easements to cross railroad tracks, Corps of Engineers property, and Bonneville Power Administration right of way and obtain any other necessary permits to meet regulatory requirements.
- 10. Preparation of bid services package and related assistance to the Port for implementation of the designed construction project, when funding is obtained for construction of infrastructure improvements, which are estimated at approximately \$2 million.

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