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Port of Woodland awards Preliminary Environmental Contract to Ecological Land Services

Woodland, WA- The Port of Woodland Commission awarded the contract for the preliminary environmental work for the Guild Road Industrial Park to Ecological Land Services from Longview, WA at their regular March 17, 2016 meeting. In total, five proposals were received. The Commission noted ELS's thorough knowledge of the area and a well presented proposal as some of the reasons of the selection.

The first phase of the overall project to build a 12-acre industrial park will include the preliminary environmental work including the critical areas report, state historical preservation review for historic and cultural sites, identification and removal process of any and all tanks on the site and permits for waters of the U.S. This portion of the work will complete the required National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirements for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). Once completed, the Port will release the Phase 2 Request for Proposals for the Design, Engineering and Permitting of the master site.

The project, initially envisions back in 2000, expands a decade long development including investments into Schurman Way and Guild Road by the City of Woodland, the Port, Cowlitz County, and other regional and state funding resources as well as a \$2.8 million investment from EDA in 2009. In addition, support from Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler, Senator's Cantwell and Murray played a momentous part in receiving the EDA funding in 2015 of \$100,000 funds. Finally, the Washington State CERB Board awarded \$50,000 and Cowlitz County Commissioners awarded \$50,000 in 2015. In total, the Port's phase 1 and 2 project is estimated at \$219,000.

About the Port of Woodland- the Port was established in 1961 and has 425 acres of industrial and agricultural property. There are 18 companies and farms at the Port creating over 300 jobs. The Commission is committed to attracting and retaining family wage jobs, supporting the industrial development and providing recreational opportunities to the region.