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The Port of Woodland has signed an agreement with Columbia Precast, a Woodland based company, for the sale of property to expand their facility creating an additional 35 jobs to their concrete production facility. The purchase is the first at the new Centennial Industrial Park with the purchase of two of the eight lots.

“The ability to assist Columbia Precast Products to be more successful in the smart certified cement production facility in their successful expansion is a win for Woodland,” stated Commission President Paul Cline. “Our new business plan adopted earlier this year, of offering a variety of options at our developing business parks exemplifies how the Port is meeting our mission of creating more family wage jobs and sustain and retain the businesses already established in our community.”

Columbia Precast Products creates precast manholes, catch basins, boxes, vaults moving to Woodland in 2015. Their smart certified company has received the platinum certified level, the first in their industry being a leader in products that meet a sustainable bottom line good for the environment, the economy and global community.

Columbia Precast also provided the necessary support to the Port for their recent Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) grant and loan request of \$3 million for Centennial and Rose Way Industrial Parks to be determined in late November. The CERB request required support from the Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC), another critical business development partner of the Port. The CEDC played a vital role in marketing and attracting businesses for the business parks. The Port’s \$3.6 million request to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant is currently pending review.

“The business support by Columbia Precast provided the Port with the opportunity to seek additional funding from the state due to their commitment to develop at Centennial. The partnership is critical to our success to work with businesses that meet the Port’s mission and our environmentally sustainable and creating additional family wage jobs. This was all due in fact that we had to change the way the Port operated, and this shows we are moving in the right direction,” stated Executive Director Jennifer Wray-Keene. In addition to Columbia Precast Products, there are several other prospective businesses looking at relocating to the site, most from outside the state.

“Job creation, business attraction and developing shovel ready ground and lease ready buildings are key factors to our community’s success for our citizens having job opportunities locally rather than commuting to Portland or further each day. It required the Port be aggressive with utilizing our vacant land in a better way, that works for great businesses like Columbia Precast, to be successful in Woodland,” stated Commissioner Bob Wile.



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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 350 jobs. The Commission is committed to attracting and retaining family wage jobs, supporting the industrial development and providing recreational opportunities to the region.



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