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## *In the Loop*

To: CEDC Board of Directors, CEDC Members and Interested Parties

From: Ted Sprague, CEDC President

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### ***PORT OF LONGVIEW – EGT AGREE ON LONG TERM LEASE***

After three years of laying the groundwork, the Port of Longview and joint venture EGT Development, LLC (a partnership between Bunge North America and ITOCHU) signed a long term lease earlier this month. The project represents the first export grain terminal to be built in the U.S. in the last two decades. The estimated capital investment in the facility by EGT is in excess of \$200 million. The Port will construct the ship dock to support the facility at a cost of approximately \$6 million.

This project is an excellent example of community vision, teamwork and a willingness to see the potential of future development. The project did not happen in a vacuum. The project came together due to the leadership of our public and private sector partners. The community's role in pushing the channel deepening project and increasing the channel depth from 40 to 43 feet played a major role in landing the project. The Port's purchase of adjacent waterfront property from International Paper Company in 1999 was another integral piece. The Port's Industrial Rail Corridor which came online in 2005 played a major part. Each piece came together over a long period of time to make this impressive capital investment project come to life.

We often question why a certain entity, be it public or private sector, makes a decision. Sometimes they turn out for the best, sometimes they are regrettable. In the end, individual decisions can be made and the fruits of those decisions are sometimes not borne out for a long period of time. The EGT project represents the culmination of many difficult decisions that will pay off for our community for decades.

### *STORMWATER PERMITTING UPDATE*

Many businesses in our community have been hit hard by stormwater regulations and the way environmental groups have been pressuring compliance. The current policy of environmental groups being able to play watchdog and enforcer is troubling to those that have been affected by these tactics. You may have read an article in “The Daily News” recently that discussed stormwater regulations and how they may affect the homeowner ie: the ability to wash a car in your driveway. It is important at this time to pay attention to what is going on in this regard as the tension is just beginning to be felt by more and more companies in our county.

For your information, the Department of Ecology issued its final draft of the new Industrial Stormwater General Permit for public comment on June 3. For all those who are present permit-holders, this new draft will become your next permit effective January 1, 2010. There are a number of revisions in the new draft, many of which are much more stringent than the old permit. Benchmarks have been reduced, sampling frequencies have increased, inspection frequencies have increased, specific effluent limitations may be applied, BMP's will be specifically tied to compliance, and the focus will be based on achieving state water quality standards. This may have a significant impact on many permit-holder's.

I encourage you to review the draft permit at the WDOE website below, and submit your comments or concerns to Ecology by July 15, 2009.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html> or contact: Julie Robertson, WDOE, at (360) 407-6575 or by email at [jrob461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jrob461@ecy.wa.gov)

### *COWLITZ PUD SHARES DOE PUBLIC POWER WIND PIONEER AWARD*

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Wind Powering America Program announced that two Washington state public utility districts, Cowlitz County PUD and Klickitat PUD, are co-winners of the 2009 Public Power Wind Pioneer Award. They were cited for outstanding teamwork and innovation in the development of the White Creek Wind Farm.

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A panel of wind, government, national laboratory, and public power experts from across the United States selected Cowlitz and Klickitat from 16 public power utilities nominated for the award this year. This seventh annual award was created in conjunction with American Public Power Association (APPA) and the Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) Program to recognize public power wind pioneers and leaders. DOE presented the award at APPA's National Conference in Salt Lake City on June 16.

Covering 9,500 acres of ranchland in eastern Washington with 89 wind turbines, the 205-MW White Creek Wind Farm in Klickitat County, Washington, is one of the largest public power-initiated wind projects in the nation and produces enough electricity to power 38,000 homes. Cowlitz and Klickitat own the majority interest in the project, 46% and 26% respectively. The PUDs joined with Lakeview Light and Power and Tanner Electric Cooperative in 2001 with the goal of developing local wind resources.

This is yet another strong example of the leaders in Cowlitz County, specifically the PUD, being willing to show the way for others in their industry. Congratulations to the Commissioners and staff at the PUD!

### *EUREKA! WINNING WAYS COMING TO COWLITZ COUNTY*

Eureka! Winning Ways (E!WW) is all about growing a company's top line. This is a multi-part program that involves idea generation for new products and services. These ideas will then be tested for marketability and if shown to be viable will be developed in your company through the support of Washington Manufacturing Services (WMS).

WMS has agreed to put on a pilot project of E!WW in Cowlitz County to get the word out about the program. Michael O'Bryon, a representative from WMS, will be hosting an information session in Cowlitz County on July 21st from 9-11am at the CEDC Conference Room inside the US Bank Building in Longview. If are interested in this program we would like you to send a representative from your company to determine if E!WW is the right fit for your business. There is no commitment needed for the information session. If you have further questions regarding this innovative program, please contact Mary Brown at the EDC - - 360.423.9921 or [brown@cowlitzedc.com](mailto:brown@cowlitzedc.com).

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