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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION & PORT OF PASCO

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The Colville Tribes and Port of Pasco Sign Cooperation Agreement

(Nespelem, WA) — The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation has signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Port of Pasco regarding the Tribes' economic development efforts in Pasco. The Colville Tribes owns approximately 184 acres of land in Pasco and is developing the site for future business ventures.

The Cooperation Agreement includes a commitment by the Port of Pasco to officially support the Tribes' Pasco project and assures that the Port is kept informed about the progress of this effort. This agreement follows other agreements with the City of Pasco and the Franklin County PUD as the Tribes pursues cooperation and collaboration with local government entities.

Colville Business Council Chairman Andrew C. Joseph, Jr., said today, "We are pleased to sign this Cooperation Agreement with the Port of Pasco. It has long been our goal to bring the Palus Tribe back to their ancestral lands. The Colville Tribes will be a good neighbor and this economic development project will significantly benefit the local economy by adding jobs, tourism, and new businesses to the area. This project is a win for all involved."

Port of Pasco Commission President, Vicki Gordon, said today, "The primary objective of the Port of Pasco is to grow the economy by creating opportunities for investment and growth. We see our agreement with the Colville Tribes as an opportunity to welcome a new neighbor and to expand Franklin County's economy."

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,345 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mət^wxu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan;

palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpʃwɪlx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšqʷáwsəxʷ (people in between) or Wenatchi.

About the Port of Pasco

The Port of Pasco is a local municipal corporation established by the voters of Franklin County in 1940. The Port works to promote economic development in the county by creating opportunities for investment and growth. Along with operating the Tri-Cities Airport and multiple commercial parks, the Port offers industrial land for sale for growing companies. For more information, visit www.portofpasco.org.