



**Ferry County  
Republic Public Development Authority  
Torboy Industrial Park**  
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**Link to Economic  
Development  
Strategy**

**Republic PDA**—In March 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$224,000 loan and \$56,000 grant to the Republic Public Development Authority (PDA) for the reassembly of a 6,000 square foot steel metal framed building at the Republic PDA Torboy Industrial Park. CERB funds will support engineering, foundation and excavation work, reconstruction of the building, a sewage treatment system, electrical and plumbing work related to a water system and pump house, and road work.

**Local Perspective of  
CERB Impact**

*“The development of a light industrial park will be extremely beneficial to the Ferry County and City of Republic economy.”*

*-Shirley A. Crouse, Mayor  
City of Republic*

**Positive Return on  
State Investment**

This project builds upon a feasibility study that was conducted on this site in 2003. CERB awarded \$50,000 for the initial study, which was completed in April 2006. At least \$163,400 of in-kind support will be provided by the Republic PDA for this project.

**Catalyst for Private  
and Local  
Investment**

Since the decline of timber, mining and ranching operations, many secondary and retail stores in Ferry County have closed causing the county unemployment rate to exceed the state rate by 35.7 percent. This kind of economic diversification is critical to restoring family-wage jobs to the region.

**Unique State  
Program**

CERB is Washington’s strategic economic development resource, focused on creating and retaining private sector jobs in partnership with local governments. CERB supports private business development and increased employment opportunities by providing financing for public infrastructure. These investments include industrial water and sewer, telecommunications, electricity and natural gas infrastructure improvements. CERB funds also build industrial wastewater treatment facilities, roads, bridges, general-purpose industrial buildings and port facilities. Administrative support is provided by the state department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED).