



Link to Economic Development Strategy

Port of Ephrata—In March 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$1 million loan to the Port of Ephrata for road improvements to support the development of a private industrial facility.



Linked Business Developments



American Tire Corporation (ATC), the parent company of Washington Tire Corporation, manufactures large tires used in industry operations in rugged terrain such as mining, construction, and oil and gas production.

Positive Return on State Investment

More than \$4 million will be provided by the Port of Ephrata as match to the CERB funds.

Catalyst for Private and Local Investment

Although Grant County has a diversified agriculture and manufacturing base, many of the agriculture and food processing jobs provide lower pay and seasonal employment. The Washington Tire operation will provide significant opportunity for year-round employment, family-way jobs and cluster opportunities throughout the County.

New Jobs

In the first year, Washington Tire Corporation will invest at least \$50 million in their private facility and create an estimated 250 jobs.

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).