

Link to Economic Development Strategy

Spokane International Airport—In May 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) awarded a \$4 million loan to the Spokane International Airport for the engineering and construction of an approximately 48,250 square foot hangar for the operation of two aerospace businesses.

Linked Business Developments

This project supports the expansion of Cascade Aerospace USA, a maintenance, repair and overhaul organization and aviation product engineering firm. This project builds upon an award CERB granted to the Airport in 2008 allowing Cascade to open a facility in Spokane.



The addition of Associated Painters, an aircraft refinishing business, will help boost efforts to establish a base of aerospace business in the Spokane region.

Local Perspective of CERB Impact

"Cascade offers a tremendous opportunity to continue the expansion of the region's aerospace cluster. The business growth in their initial facility has been nothing short of remarkable."

*-Mary Verner, Mayor
City of Spokane*

"In addition to strengthening and diversifying aerospace workforce in our region, the relocation and consolidation of activities for Associated Painters to our region will generate significant near-term economic benefits."

*-Richard Hadley, President & Chief Executive Officer
Greater Spokane Incorporated*

New Jobs

As a result of this project, Cascade and Associated Painters estimate that they will collectively create 266 full-time jobs. CERB dollars are matched by \$1 million from the Spokane International Airport.

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).