



Wahkiakum County

Port District #1 of Wahkiakum County

Incubator Building
B2010-002

Link to Economic Development Strategy

Port of Wahkiakum — In July 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$210,000 loan and \$40,000 grant to the Port of Wahkiakum for the construction of a 5,000 square foot incubator building.

Local Perspective of CERB Impact

“The business park and incubation facility will increase entrepreneurial opportunities for local residents, provide a location for work force training and development of business skills for area students and budding business owners, all leading to greater diversity and resilience in the local and regional economy.”

*- Stephen Harvey, Director
Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments*

Catalyst for Private and Local Investment

CERB funds will be used to construct the incubator building, which is designed to attract small business tenants and serve as a workforce development training center. The project will create 169 jobs and is matched by \$1.25 million in public funds.

Unique State Program

As Washington’s strategic economic development resource, CERB is focused on creating private sector jobs in partnership with local governments by financing infrastructure improvements which encourage new business development and expansion. In addition to funding construction projects, CERB provides limited funding for studies that evaluate high-priority economic development projects. CERB receives management services from the Department of Commerce; the lead state agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable community and economic vitality in Washington.