

NEWS LETTER

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CERB PROJECT AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 21, 2017*

CERB invests \$100,000 to support economic development planning in Snohomish County.

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$100,000 toward public infrastructure development and new economic feasibility studies on the Arlington Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center near Smokey Point in Snohomish County. The center spans over 4,000 acres including land within the boundaries of both Arlington and Marysville, with close access to Paine Field and Interstate 5. Capacity for additional development includes partially used, redevelopment and vacant sites.

The CERB funding will help pay for two consecutive feasibility studies to establish a master plan, economic development, an investment and transportation strategy to facilitate infrastructure improvements and accommodate, attract, and retain industrial and manufacturing uses.

Snohomish County:

The **City of Arlington** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for its portion of the center, approximately 57 percent of the area. The CERB grant is matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The **City of Marysville** was awarded a \$50,000 grant, for its portion of the center, approximately 44 percent of the area. The CERB grant is matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

The release of CERB funds to these projects is contingent upon each applicant completing specific pre-contract requirements, such as finalizing other funding sources and obtaining necessary permits.

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MEMBERSHIP

CERB says goodbye to long-time member and current Chair, **David Rhoden**. David joined the Board in 2011, elected as the Vice Chair in 2014, and appointed Chair in 2016. He has been the Large Business, West of the Cascades Representative.

CERB congratulates **Randy Hayden** as he takes his new position as CERB Chair. Randy has been on the Board since 2013, and has served as Vice Chair since 2016. He has been the Executive Director at the Port of Pasco since 2000. He serves on the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Benton-Franklin Good Roads Association, Ex-Officio member of the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce. Randy is the Port Official Representative.

CERB elected **Michael Echanove** as the Vice Chair. Michael is the mayor for the City of Palouse, Washington. He has 23 years of experience in City Hall as both mayor and as a former city councilman. He is a 33 year staff member in the Information Technology department of Washington State University, Pullman. Michael is the General Public Representative

Reappointments

The following reappointments were made by Director Brian Bonlender, Department of Commerce:

Candace Mumm, City Representative. Candace has been on the Board since 2014. She has been a Spokane City Council member since November of 2013. She is a Board Member of the Spokane Transit Authority, A Board Member of the Arts Fund of Spokane, and Chair of the City's Planning, Community Economic Development Committee.

Dan Seydel, Small Business West of the Puget Sound. Dan has been on the Board since 2012. He is owner of Platinum Group, a business development and business capacity building organization serving Washington state small businesses since 2001.

Richard Bogert, Small Business East of the Columbia River. Richard has been on the Board since 2014. He is the President of The Bogert Group in Pasco. 2011, The Bogert Group was selected by NIST as a "Hero of Manufacturing".

James Jaime, Tribal Representative. James has been on the Board since 2013. He has been involved with tribal affiliations for 25 years. He was the tribal chair and executive director with the Quileute Tribe in LaPush, Washington.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2017 legislative session ended without passing a new 2017-19 capital budget.

This means that the CERB program is suspended, and will not be excepting any project applications until a capital budget is passed.

On a positive note, a re-appropriation capital budget passed which means all projects currently under contract or are working on pre-contract conditions are funded and will continue to be managed through CERB normal process.

However, no new projects can be awarded funding until the 2017-19 capital budget is passed.*

The following excerpt from the Governor's message provides some hope that the legislature will still come to agreement on a new Capital budget:

"I hope once legislators return to their districts and hear from community leaders, school officials and constituents whose projects or programs are being disrupted, they'll agree to return to Olympia to pass the capital budget."

– Governor Jay Inslee

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Vacancy - Currently CERB is excepting applications for the following position:

- Large Business, West of the Cascades

If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Janea Delk, janea.delk@commerce.wa.gov.