

Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District December 2014 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!



Wishing everyone a warm and happy holiday season. Col-Pac has partnered with the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) in new offices at the Columbia Learning Center in St Helens. Please join us for our Open House on December 23rd.

Tillamook Theater Re-Opening Funded in Part through a Col-Pac Loan



A very special icon in Tillamook reopened on Halloween—the Tillamook Theater. As Shiela Zerngast notes on their Facebook page—“We love the movies, and we love our community!” Col-Pac, the EDC of Tillamook County and the Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency all partnered to provide financing for the renovation and new digital projector!

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Port of Garibaldi Wharf Renovation Finishes Early and Under Budget

A cornerstone to the Port's future waterfront development, the wharf renovation finished a year early and with enough budget to be able to add a new generator for emergency power. The early finish means the new wharf and crane will be available for the upcoming crab season, one of the highest uses of the Port facility.

Col-Pac has provided grant management services, and is now working with the Port on marine business development.




COLUMBIA COUNTY ECONOMIC TEAM ANNUAL MEETING

Over 100 business leaders elected officials attended November breakfast, which included Congresswoman Bonamici, PGE President Maria Pope and Oregon Tourism Director Todd Davidson. 2014 Business Award honorees included Photo Solutions (Vernonia), High School Pharmacy (Clatskanie), Cascade Tissue (St Helens) and Dennie Houle, Oregon Business Department Regional Business Development Officer.



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The 13th Oregon Leadership Summit of the Oregon Business Plan is set for **Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center**. This year, the Oregon Business Plan will build on key themes from last year, including:

-  Connecting education to careers and skilled job openings that are going unfilled throughout the state.
-  Investing in the infrastructure that allows our communities and businesses to prosper and connect with the global marketplace.
-  Strengthening rural economies by capitalizing on Oregon's unique advantages in the sustainable production of food and forest products.

[Summit Registration](#)



On August 5, 2014, approximately 65 economic development, business and education leaders gathered in Astoria after the Col-Pac meeting to discuss regional economic opportunities, programs and policies. Top themes from the forum included:

- A “open for business” attitude by local governments and state agencies, including consistency in local building regulations and permitting processes;
- Access to capital for start-ups, and operating and expansion capital for resource-based businesses;
- Transportation and other public infrastructure to support business development and diversification;
- Career technical education programs and youth work experience directly connected to regional industries.

[North Coast Regional Economic Development Forum Discussion Summary](#)

Tillamook County EDC/SBDC Hires New Director

Mike Cohen of Schaumburg, Illinois was unanimously picked by the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County (EDC) to serve as director of both the EDC and Small Business Development Center (SBDC).



Mike brings an exceptionally strong background with SBDC programs. He's owned a business and has significant experience with start-ups as well as established businesses. He also has wide experience in the financial side of helping businesses grow or simply survive as the senior business analyst for Illinois Small Business Development Center at the Duman Entrepreneurship Center where he assisted small and medium sized business entrepreneurs to develop business plans.

Col-Pac participated in the interviewing process.

**Col-Pac EDD/NOEA MEETING SCHEDULE
2015**

Meetings are held the **2nd Thursday** of the month
All meetings are from 10:00 am—12:00 pm, unless otherwise scheduled.

January	Columbia County	Thursday, 1/8	Columbia County Scappoose Fire Hall
February			
March	Clatsop County	Thursday, 3/12 **	Clatsop County Clatsop Community College Annual Meeting
April			
May	Tillamook County	Thursday, 5/14	Tillamook County Port of Tillamook Bay Officers Mess Hall
June			
July	Washington County	Thursday, 7/9	Washington County Banks Fire Hall
August			
September	Clatsop County	Thursday, 9/10	Clatsop County Clatsop Community College
October			
November	Tillamook County	Thursday, 11/12	Tillamook County Port of Tillamook Bay Officers Mess Hall
December			

** Annual Meeting/Luncheon