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Near Space Moves into New Facility Dedicates it the Johnson Near Space Center



A signature project for the Port of Tillamook Bay's FEMA funds resulting from the December 2007 storm, Near Space is ushering in a new era of business activity at its new facility.

The new premier facility combined with a unique set of coastal and mountain terrain testing environments, is attracting significant interest from aviation companies and government agencies for testing their new technologies. Near Space provides state-of-the-art unmanned platforms that are lifted to the near edge of Earth's atmosphere and returned via remote-controlled aircraft.

NW Oregon a Key Participant in this Summer's Coastal Business Summit



The 1 1/2 day summit attracted over 100 attendees. Oregon's Senator Wyden responded to questions from Senator Johnson. Tillamook County Commissioner Mark Labhart reviewed the County's successful flood mitigation project, and Dan Biggs (left), Tillamook EDC/SBDC Executive Director was on a business development panel.

Pelican Brewing Opens its New Brewery and Pub in Downtown Tillamook



Nothing beats success! Pelican Brewing has outgrown its brewery and pub in Pacific City, and to meet the demand for their award-winning craft beer, have added another \$1.4 million brewing facility in downtown Tillamook. When operating at capacity, the new facility will employ approximately 20 new workers and produce 11,000 barrels of beer annually.

Col-Pac to Release a Draft of its Updated 2014–2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) at its November 14th Board Meeting

Working in collaboration with the NW Oregon Regional Solutions Team, and following input from stakeholders throughout the region, Col-Pac's updated CEDS provides a roadmap for coordinated economic development. Last updated in 2011, the 2014–2019 draft CEDS includes new demographic and economic opportunity data, and revised industry development strategies. Disaster resiliency remains a key component to the CEDS. The document will be available for review following its release on November 14th, at the Col-Pac website: NWOregon.org/Col-Pac.

Other News

- ❖ Location of the Col-Pac November 14th Board Meeting to change to the Port of Tillamook Bay main office, 4000 Blimp St.
- ❖ Online Business Licensing and Registration Information: 2013 House Bill 2643 gives the Secretary of State responsibility for maintaining the Oregon License Directory as an online database of information on businesses licenses, permits, and registrations with state and local agencies. The upcoming administrative rules are still being drafted and public comment is encouraged. If you would like to get your program on the License Directory now, or wish to share your concerns or suggestions about the rules, please contact Tom Wrosch at tomwro@sos.state.or.us or call (503) 986-0511 by November 22, 2013.