

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY ESTABLISHING A POLICY SUPPORTING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF INDUSTRY CLUSTERS TO FURTHER THE PORT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, AND

WHEREAS, the Port has identified the following industry clusters as the most promising and therefore the Port's highest priorities, given existing economic conditions and opportunities:

- A. Alternative Energy Technologies (solar and plug-in hybrid vehicles)
- B. Information Technologies
- C. Ag Tourism
- D. Wineries
- E. Outdoor Recreation/Fitness Design, Development and Equipment Manufacturing

WHEREAS, the Port of Chelan County is an economic development agency owned by and accountable to the citizens of Chelan County, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Chelan County is authorized by RCW 53.08.245 to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to carry out economic development programs and other acts relating to economic development on behalf of the Port, and

WHEREAS, there no longer is an economic development council (EDC) serving Chelan or Douglas Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Chelan County is authorized by RCW 53.08.255 to promote resources and facilities in Chelan County and general area by advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information to attract visitors and encourage tourist expansion, which in turn supports several of the identified industry clusters, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Chelan County has identified several industry clusters as having the potential to further diversify the local economy and at the same time strengthen a number of existing local businesses and industries, and

WHEREAS, the Port's efforts to maximize the economic impact of those industry clusters can be leveraged through a series of partnerships with nonprofit entities and organizations that either share the Port's general mission of economic development or are organized for the purpose of developing the specific industries that are within these industry clusters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Chelan County that:

1. A series of specific partnership agreements with certain nonprofit entities and organizations will serve the public interest by furthering the Port's economic development mission.

2. The Port maintains a number partnerships with non-profit entities as part of its economic development and tourist expansion programs in Chelan County. In furtherance of this Resolution, the Port should enter into annual contracts with the following organizations to formalize these partnerships:
 - A. Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - B. Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce
 - C. Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce
 - D. Cashmere Chamber of Commerce
 - E. Wenatchee Valley Convention and Visitor Bureau
 - F. Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance
 - G. Cascade Columbia Wine Association
 - H. Cascade Foothills Farmland Association
3. Each partnership agreement will include a specific work program and will identify deliverables in work products and services.
4. The performance of each agreement will be evaluated at least once a year by the Port Commission, and that evaluation will determine whether or to what extent each agreement will be renewed.
5. The Port will, as a matter of policy, normally only entertain requests for such partnership agreements during its annual budget process. Extraordinary circumstances or unanticipated opportunities may result in consideration of these requests at other times.
6. It is the intention of the Port of Chelan County that these agreements serve to function as vehicles to further the Port of Chelan County's mission of economic development in Chelan County and the North Central Washington region

DATED this day of 7th day of June, 2006.

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