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Port of Longview Honored as 2009 Port of Year by Association

Olympia – The Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) presented its 2009 President’s Port of the Year Award to the Port of Longview at its Board of Trustees Meeting on November 20 in Seattle. Each year, WPPA honors a WPPA member port for leadership and innovation in economic development efforts. The Association’s Executive Committee chooses the winning port from a pool of nominees.

The Port of Longview was honored for recruiting EGT (Export Grain Terminal), the first facility of this kind built in the United States in more than 25 years. The state of the art facility is expected to generate more than 200 construction jobs and 50 permanent jobs in the Longview community. The region can also expect to see 35 more jobs associated with the increased cargo.

In addition to recruiting the export facility, the Port reached record revenues in 2008 and contributed to the construction of the Castle Rock Boat Launch, the only engineered approach on a 23 mile stretch of the popular Cowlitz River.

“It’s an honor to be named Port of the Year,” said Port of Longview Executive Director Ken O’Hollaren. “This award is a true reflection of the staff’s dedication and the community’s support of the Port of Longview.”

The Washington Public Ports Association represents 75 port districts throughout the State of Washington. These districts offer a wide range of services, including marine terminals, barge facilities, industrial development, tourism promotion, marinas, airports, and railroads.

The WPPA serves as a link, networking all ports in a cooperative effort to share information and address issues such as our global economy/international trade and regional economic development.

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