



# Whitman County Economic Development Informational Meeting

January 14, 2026  
11:45 am – 1:30 pm  
The Center, Colfax

*Economic Development Informational Meetings (EDIMs) are updates on the Port's implementation of the ADO's economic development plan. No business or official actions will be taken by the Port Commissioners.*

## Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – 12:00 pm
2. **2026 Economic Development Plan**
  - a. **Small Business Development**
    - Small Business Update (**Exhibit 1**)
  - b. **Business Recruitment/Marketing & Advertising**
    - Department of Commerce Leads (**Exhibit 2**)
  - c. **Economic Profiling**
    - Whitman County Retail Sales Tax Distribution (**Exhibit 3**)
  - d. **Sites & Infrastructure**
    - Oakesdale Mill Phase 1 Funding Application – Ned Warnick, Design West Principal; Bruce Palmer, Oakesdale Town Council Member
    - EPA Brownfields Cleanup Projects
  - e. **Economic Development Advocacy**
    - Brownfields Coalition Funding Application
    - Innovia Foundation Community Grants Program – Nolan Glueckert, Innovia Foundation Regional Engagement Manager
    - 2026 Legislative Priorities (**Exhibit 4**)
3. **Future Meeting Topics and Closing**

The next EDIM is scheduled for **March 18, 2026**. Port staff will keep EDIM participants informed if there are any changes to the meeting format.