

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. **ADO Reporting**
 - Economic Development Work Plan
 - 2025-2026 Report Card
 - b. **Small Business Development**
 - Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Report **(Exhibit 1)**
 - c. **Business Recruitment/Marketing & Advertising**
 - Update on Recent and/or New Business Leads **(Exhibit 2)**
 - d. **Economic Profiling**
 - Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast **(Exhibit 3)**
 - July Economic & Revenue Update **(Exhibit 4)**
 - e. **Sites & Infrastructure**
 - Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) Project Technical Assistance & Conference Scholarship Opportunities
 - Rosalia RV Park Tourism Upgrades – John Goyke, Town of Rosalia
 - EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment & Cleanup Update
 - f. **Economic Development Advocacy**
 - Legislative Coalition Update
3. **Future Meeting Topics and Closing**

The next EDIM is scheduled for **September 16, 2026**. Port staff will keep EDIM participants informed if there are any changes to the meeting format.



Washington SBDC & ADO Partnership County Activity & Impact Report

County: Whitman

Quarter Total Date Range: 4.1.26...6.25.26

Year to Date Range: 1.1.26...6.25.26

Data Elements	Quarter Total	Year to Date
CASE TOTALS (Clients)		
Number of Clients Counseled	20	27
Number of New Clients	5	12
Company Status		
Pre-venture/Nascent	6	7
Startups	6	10
In Business	8	10
CASE TOTALS (Total Hours)		
All Prep + Contact Client Hours	47	117
New Client Hours	9	57
CASE TOTALS (economic impacts)		
Capital Infusion	\$7,720	\$36,870
Number Businesses Created	0	3
Jobs Created	0	8
Change in Sales	\$0	\$272,793
CASE TOTALS (economic indicators)		
Jobs Saved/Retained	14	44
Gross Revenue of Counseled Clients	\$366,205	\$366,205
DEMOGRAPHICS (Type of Business, # of Clients)		
Accommodation and Food Services	3	3
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	1
Arts and Entertainment	0	1
Construction	0	1
Educational Services	1	3
Finance and Insurance	0	0
Healthcare and Social Assistance	0	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0
Manufacturing	2	2
Professional/Technical Services	7	7
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	0	0
Retail	3	4
Service	4	4
Transportation and Warehousing	0	1
Wholesale	0	0
No Response	0	0

DEMOGRAPHICS (Business Ownership Gender)		
Male	9	13
Female	8	10
Male/Female	2	3
No Response	1	1
DEMOGRAPHICS (Ethnic Background - Race)		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian	0	0
Black or African American	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0
Multiracial	1	1
White	14	18
No Response	3	5
DEMOGRAPHICS (Ethnicity)		
Hispanic	0	2
Non-Hispanic	17	21
No Response	3	4
DEMOGRAPHICS (Business Ownership Vet. Status)		
Veteran	0	1
Service-Disabled Veteran	0	0
Non-veteran	19	25
No Response	1	1
COUNSELING ACTIVITY (Areas of Counseling, # of Sessions)		
Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)	1	1
Business Accounting/Budget	0	0
Business Plan	3	4
Buy/Sell Business	0	0
Cash Flow Management	1	3
eCommerce	0	0
Financing/Capital	3	6
Government Contracting	1	1
Human Resources/Employee Mg't	0	0
International Trade	0	0
Managing a Business	3	6
Marketing/Sales	2	6
Start-up Assistance	8	14
No Response	0	0
Other	2	3

All economic impacts are reported by the client and attributed to the assistance of their SBDC advisor.

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Business Leads

Project Completed or Permit Phase		New or Re-Activated Business Lead	Still Active Business Lead	Business Lead Cold or on Hold	Business Lead Closed
Date	Lead Source	Type of Business	Criteria	Benefits	Status
May-25	COM	Project Road Candy Asphalt Distribution Services	15-40 acres zoned heavy industrial with rail access, dual access for trucking, natural gas, potable water, electrical, and sewer	FTE / capital investment: Unknown	No sites meet preferred criteria.
May-25	COM	Project Tangerine Textile Recycling	5 acres minimum; prioritizing former pulp and paper mills from forest industry; 500,000 gallons/day; 400kWh/month	FTE / capital investment: Unknown	No sites meet preferred criteria.
May-25	COM	Project Elevate Sustainable Aviation Fuel Facility	220MW with minimum 70% renewable energy; minimum 288,000 gallons/day; 20-30 acres zoned industrial with proximity to rail and highways	FTE / capital investment: Unknown	No sites meet preferred criteria.
Aug-25	COM	Project Powder Path Nutrition Food Expansion	50,000-100,000 square foot facility with temperature-sensitive capabilities, easy logistics access, and operational flexibility	FTE / capital investment: Unknown	No sites meet preferred criteria.
Sep-25	COM	Project NOVA Manufacturing	250,000 square feet, 10-20 acres, 6M kWh power / year and 50,000 tons water / year	FTE: 100 Capital investment: \$40-50M	Commerce submitted site to client.
Dec-25	COM	Project Atlas	500,000-650,000 square feet, 24MW peak energy. Location well-served by transportation and urban amenities.	FTE: 550 Capital investment: \$229M	No sites meet preferred criteria.
Dec-25	COM	Project EquipmentShare	5-8 acres industrial property with equipment rental / sales / service permitted use	FTE: 10-50 Capital investment: \$3M+	Port staff submitted site to client.
Dec-25	COM	Project ClimateForge	50-80 acres need; 550,000–700,000 sq. ft. advanced manufacturing campus	FTE: 1000 Capital investment: Unknown	No sites meet preferred criteria.
Dec-25	COM	Project Alloyworks	Proposed facility will be approximately 120,000 sq. ft. and will house extrusion operations, heat treatment, finishing, and quality-testing functions. Need ability to support high-power metal-processing operations, with high-capacity electrical service and gas supply.	FTE: 150-200 Capital investment: Unknown	No sites meet preferred criteria.
Apr-26	COM	Project Ellie	75,000 sq ft with airport access	FTE: 628 Capital Investment: \$216M	Port staff submitted site to Commerce.

Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast

To view the entire report, visit
<https://erfc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2026-07/jun26pub.pdf>
or use the QR code below:



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Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Economic & Revenue Update

July 15, 2026

Summary

- U.S. employment increased by 57,000 jobs in June; the unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%.
- The third estimate of U.S. real GDP indicated the economy expanded by 2.1% (SAAR) in the first quarter of 2026, up from 0.5% growth in the fourth quarter.
- In June, U.S. consumer prices decreased compared with May and were up 3.5% over the year.
- Washington job growth was stronger than forecasted in June.
- Housing construction has been strong so far in the second quarter.
- Seattle-area inflation remains elevated.
- Major General Fund-State (GF-S) revenue collections for the June 11 - July 10, 2026 collection period were \$4.9 million (0.2%) lower than forecasted.
- Revenue Act collections were \$0.2 million (0.0%) higher than forecasted and all other tracked revenues were \$5.2 million (0.9%) lower than forecasted.

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