Port of Whitman County

Whitman County
Economic Development Informational Meeting

November 18, 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**
      - New Businesses in Whitman County
      - Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) **(Exhibit 1)**

   b. **Economic Profiling**
      - Whitman County Labor Market Report – Mike McBride, Employment Security Department Regional Labor Economist

   c. **Existing Business Retention & Expansion**
      - Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. Pullman Expansion – Hans Schmidt, SEL Senior Public Affairs Manager

   d. **Business Recruitment, Marketing & Advertising**
      - Update on Recent and/or New Business Leads **(Exhibit 2)**

   e. **Site & Infrastructure Development**
      - Whitman County Emergency Management Update – Matt Floyd, Director of Whitman County Emergency Management, Palouse Empire Fair & Parks

3. **Future Meeting Topics and Closing**