

# News Release

## PORT OF SHELTON AWARDED A \$300,000 CERB GRANT

Shelton, WA – March 16, 2017 – The Port of Shelton today announced it has received a \$300,000 grant and \$300,000 in funding from the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB). This funding is in the form of a Committed Partnership with Lynch Creek Farm that will include the addition of three (3) loading docks and the removal of concrete footings as the site converts from a former lumber mill to a worldwide greenery shipping company. This funding would also be used to wall in an additional building on the property plus the removal of additional concrete footings used for equipment in that building. Roofing and site work will allow the site to be utilized by the current business tenants while promoting a more productive use of the property for any future tenant. The estimated private investment is \$1.5 Million Dollars with an estimated job increase of 48 permanent jobs and 234 seasonal jobs to be created over the next five years.

“We are extremely excited and thankful to the CERB Board for providing this funding opportunity,” stated Executive Director Smith. “Converting a long-term lumber mill for use by other businesses is extremely challenging. The partnership with Lynch Creek Farm allows the Port to stimulate job creation for our community.”

CERB focuses on creating private sector jobs in partnership with local governments by financing infrastructure improvements which encourage new business development and expansion.

### ABOUT THE PORT

The Port brings jobs and recreational opportunities through an airport industrial park, a general aviation airport with 90 hangars, a heavy industrial park at Johns Prairie and a 100-slip marina. The Port boasts a 95+ percent occupancy rate of more than 35 businesses with over 800 employees. More information can be found at [www.portofshelton.com](http://www.portofshelton.com)

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