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## **Port of Kennewick Wins Revitalization Award**

Kennewick, Wash.—The Port of Kennewick received the 2007 Downtown Revitalization Award, from the City of Kennewick Block Grant Advisory Committee and the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership, for the Port's urban renewal efforts and the two-story professional office and commercial building completed on Clover Island.

Port leaders are thrilled with the award, since it recognizes their efforts to revitalize commercial neighborhoods, and enhance the community's waterfront. Executive Director, Tim Arntzen, stated that, "The Port's investment is an opportunity to help energize and transform downtown Kennewick into a vibrant retail, residential, and tourism destination." Continued Arntzen, "We could have built the Port's offices in the Vista Field or Spaulding Business Parks; but the Commissioners chose to make an investment on the island. We wanted to be a catalyst for implementing the Clover Island Shoreline Plan, and to demonstrate the vision of bringing new restaurants, shopping, spas, entertainment, trails, waterfront access, and lifestyle amenities to historic downtown Kennewick."

The Port of Kennewick office building was the first new construction on Clover Island since 1979. The building design incorporates natural colors found within the Columbia Basin, and reflects the elements of sky, water, and the Cable Bridge within its architectural detailing; and reflects the Port's new standard for construction on the island.

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Ice Harbor Brewing at the Marina, opened late last year in the Port building's main-floor commercial space. And now, Clover Island, with its mix of restaurants, a hotel, a new marina, inviting boardwalk, public barbeque, and scenic viewpoints, is becoming a destination for boaters, bicyclists, birders, and visitors alike.

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