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#### At A Glance:

**Who.....**Port of Kennewick  
**What.....** Clover Island Lighthouse & Plaza wins 2011  
Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association  
"Concrete Community Award"

#### Quick Facts:

The Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Lighthouse and Plaza was honored with the first Concrete Community Award ever given by the Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association (WACA) during the 2011 Awards for Excellence in Concrete Construction ceremony. The WACA is a non-profit industry trade association representing sand, gravel, quarry rock, cement, ready mix concrete, related businesses and suppliers in Washington State.

## **Port of Kennewick Wins Award for Clover Island Lighthouse & Plaza Project receives first-ever Concrete Community Award**

Kennewick, Wash.—The Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Lighthouse and Plaza project was recently honored with the Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association's (WACA) first-ever, "Concrete Community Award". Traditionally, project nominations are commercial, residential, architectural, decorative, or transportation in nature. According to WACA judges, the Clover Island Lighthouse and Plaza project was a singularly unique nomination, and thus a brand-new category was needed to recognize and honor the Port of Kennewick's investment.

Port of Kennewick, project owner/developer and project team members HDJ Design Group, Herath & Associates, Mountain States Construction, DCI Engineers, and American Rock Products were recognized for their role in the project. The association's judges were impressed with the port's efforts to build transformative waterfront attractions specifically to revitalize an historic downtown. Port of Kennewick Commissioner Gene Wagner accepted the award, and indicated he was thrilled with the recognition, since it acknowledges the Commission's work to enhance the community's waterfront. Executive Director, Tim Arntzen stated, "The WACA awards are for the best

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concrete construction projects in Washington. So this truly is a great honor. We're proud that the Commissioner's leadership and investment were recognized." Continued Arntzen, "The Port's mission is to create jobs, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for district residents. That's what the lighthouse and plaza project was all about. We're transforming Clover Island; we're creating a 'sense of place' for the community and a more desirable location for business. In short, we're creating a destination for the community, for visitors, and for future generations."

The *Concrete Community Award* was presented to Port of Kennewick Commissioner Gene Wagner during the 2011 Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association's 43 Annual Awards Ceremony in Bellevue, Washington. The Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Lighthouse and Plaza project was one of only two eastern Washington projects honored, and it joined an impressive list of other construction category award winners including: NAC/Architecture's office building in Spokane, *Cast-In-Place Structures Award*; Korry Electronics building in Everett, *Tilt-Up Structures Award*; Adult Fish Trap and Juvenile Fish Stress Relief Ponds in Skagit County, *Public Works Infrastructure Award*; WallyPark Parking Garage in SeaTac, *Cast-In-Place Parking Structures Award*; SR519 Intermodal Access Project in Seattle, *Public Works Transportation Award*; Kiwanis Spray Park in Mount Vernon, *Architectural/Decorative Concrete Award*; The Pierre house on Lopez Island, *Residential Structures Award*; Wollochet Bay carriage house in Pierce County, *Residential Decorative Concrete Award*; Pinehurst Safeway in Seattle, *Pervious Concrete Award*; Ballard Corners Park in Seattle, *Special Applications Artistic Merit Award*; and Pike Place Market renovation in Seattle, *Special Applications Technical Merit Award*.

The annual Excellence in Concrete Construction awards are judged by a panel of independent industry professionals comprised of the previous year's award winning firms, a media representative, and members of the Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association.

The Clover Island Lighthouse is a four-section, ready-mix concrete precast structure set in a 15,000-square-foot stamped concrete plaza. The 62-foot-tall

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lighthouse was built to help transform Clover Island into a waterfront destination for Kennewick. The plaza's stamped-concrete design was intended to look like a beacon's light emanating from the lighthouse. Landscaped seating walls, benches, bike racks, and a concrete ramp and staircase complete the public plaza.

Ready-mix concrete was chosen for its cost, aesthetics, durability, and compatibility with the project environment. Clover Island is an urban commercial area on the Columbia River with limited space for on-site construction. Ready-mix concrete reduced the amount of storage space required as well as the amount of noise pollution and dust that would impact the aquatic environment.

The lighthouse structure was sand-blasted to emulate weathered limestone, creating a finished texture that reflects eastern Washington's desert landscape and imbues the traditional-style structure with a modern look.

According to port officials, an advantage of using concrete was the ability to control the mix design to ensure the quality of the finish and texture. At the plant, specific batch materials were identified, set aside and used throughout the project to produce a consistent look on all four panels. Then the concrete sections were cast and finished on site. The result was that the four sections blended seamlessly when tilted and secured into place, creating an appealing exterior finish. The use of tilt-up concrete panels instead of stone or concrete block method traditionally used for building lighthouses helped reduce labor costs and the amount of time spent on construction.

The WACA award represents the third award honoring the Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Lighthouse and Plaza project. The Clover Island Lighthouse and Plaza project was named the number one Community Improvement Project of 2010 by the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southwest Washington; it also received a 2010 Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Oregon. HDJ Design Group which is based in Vancouver, Washington managed construction of the lighthouse and plaza, and submitted the project for the BIA and ACEC awards; the Port of Kennewick and American Rock Products submitted the WACA nomination.

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*The Port of Kennewick is developing assets to create sustainable family wage jobs, user friendly transportation systems, and quality of life enhancements for visitors and residents of the Port district.*