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Port of Olympia Commission Accepts Applications for Upcoming Vacancy

Qualified applicants are being sought by the Port of Olympia Commission to fill the position currently held by Commissioner Steve Pottle.

Pottle announced in July that he would be resigning his Commission post to take a job as Manager of Economic Development for Snohomish County. His resignation will be effective October 10, 2006.

As required by state law, the selection of a new Commissioner to serve until the end of 2007 will be conducted in public. The appointee will be required by state law to run for election in 2007.

Applicants for the position must reside in Port Commission District 2, encompassing most of the Lacey area east of Martin Way and Sleater-Kinney, a small segment of eastern Olympia, Yelm and other eastern Thurston County areas to the Thurston County line on the east, the county area north of Lacey to the Nisqually Reach on the north, and the Thurston County line to the south.

Applications and information about the Commissioner recruitment process and the Port are available on the Port website at www.portolympia.com or by calling the Port at 360-528-8000. Applicants for the position are requested to submit a cover letter, resume and response to several questions regarding their background, experience and philosophy about the role of the Port. Responses are due to be returned at the Port administrative office by September 5, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Bob Van Schoorl and Paul Telford will review the applications and select candidates to be interviewed in public session tentatively scheduled for October 16. Commissioners intend to appoint the new Commissioner at the October 23 meeting. The Commission reserves the ability to modify the proposed schedule at any time as necessary to assure a fair and impartial process resulting in the best

possible selection.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia is Thurston County's partner in economic opportunity. The Port owns and operates a diversified international shipping terminal, an established niche facility that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates a strategically located regional airport, a vibrant 656-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, and a thriving real estate division. A community port, it generates an estimated 2,600 jobs in Thurston County and indirectly over 5,000 jobs in Washington State. For more information, please call the Port at (360) 528-8000 or visit www.portolympia.com.