RARE PLACEMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Port of St. Helens

Community Profile

Population 49,351
Location Columbia City

Position Description

Sponsor Port of St. Helens
Supervisor Paula Miranda
Executive Director of Business Development

Assignment Port of St. Helens is a special district focused on the creation and sustainment of jobs, primarily through the use of transportation infrastructure, land sales and leases, and access to bond finance. The Port of St. Helens’ mission is not only recruiting new businesses but also helping industries that currently exist. The Port of St. Helens works with 25 businesses as Port tenants that provide over 390 full time jobs. Approximately 2,600 acres of property split between a general aviation airpark, a public marina, and a combination of light and heavy industrial zoned sites exist within the Port’s boundaries.

The RARE participant placed with the Port of St. Helens will carry out an array of planning activities. Specifically, the participant will research market trends, collect and analyze data, gather community input, collaborate with an array of stakeholders, and carry out costs analysis, as needed to develop a number of planning documents. Additionally, the participant will take the lead as the coordinator where he or she will work closely with the Business Development Manager and Deputy Executive Director to develop site specific marketing fact sheets.

RARE Participant

Scott Jensen grew up in the greater Seattle Area. He recently received a Bachelor of Arts in Community, Environment and Planning from the University of Washington. As a student, Scott developed an interest in working in the long-range planning field, most likely with a focus on sustainability. Following his year with the RARE Program, Scott plans to attend graduate school in the Pacific Northwest.