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Raceway Technology Breaks Ground on New Facility



Raceway Technology and the Port of Quincy have broken ground on a new manufacturing building in Quincy. Raceway Technology manufacturers PCV joints for underground utility lines for power, telephone, fiber and other electric systems. The company plans on employing 50-60 employees at the Quincy site, and have already set up the management team for Quincy.

Raceway Technology first contacted the Grant County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) in October of 2015. The company started the site selection process within the State of Washington since expanding in Tacoma was becoming harder to do.

"Being close to their first location was important to Raceway, as well as a location that had inexpensive power rates. Then as they continued to look into the area through site visits, they were hooked on the quality of life in Grant County." Said Emily Smith, Business Recruitment Manager of the GCEDC. "They liked what Quincy had to offer, and the Port of Quincy quickly took the lead."

The new building will be built by the Port of Quincy on a twenty year bond and leased to Raceway Technology. Raceway Technology expects to start production by the end of 2019 and plans to purchase the ground after the bond is done.

"This project was a great collaboration of Grant PUD, GCEDC and the Port of Quincy. We all worked hard to make sure that Raceway had what they needed to choose Grant County as their next home. We are very excited to have Raceway join our family of businesses in Grant County to continue to grow our economy." Said Smith.

Boeing Announces New Jobs in Moses Lake



Boeing's facility at the Port of Moses Lake. Photo courtesy of the Columbia Basin Herald.

Boeing has announced they will continue to store the 737 MAX planes that have been grounded at their Moses Lake Facility at the Port Development Council. These jobs of Moses Lake. This will bring a few hundred new jobs to the Moses Lake area starting in the Fall of 2019.

Many of those jobs will be for the upkeep of the planes while they are awaiting an approved fix from the Federal Aviation Administration and transition for the new jobs that will delivery to the customer. "These jobs will have a big impact on our

community in many areas." Said Brant Mayo, Executive Director of the Grant County Economic will spend money on groceries, housing and entertainment. All of these will boost the economy of Grant County.

The GCEDC has been working closely with the Port of Moses Lake to make sure there is a smooth come to the area. From working on housing, to making sure Boeing has

the available infrastructure to making sure there is a pipeline of employees.

Big Bend Community College already has a great Aviation Maintenance Technology program to help train new employees. Which ultimately helps to recruit businesses to Grant County.

"Working with partners like the Port of Moses Lake and Big Bend Community College, makes our county more flexible to respond to the needs of our local companies," said Mayo.

Boeing has been located at the Port of Moses Lake since Larson Airforce Base was decommissioned. Boeing bought 240 acres of ramp-space during that time, and since then, Boeing has done flight testing because of the long runway and flexible airspace in Moses Lake.

Countywide Events from the GCEDC

The Grant County Economic **Development Council has always** strived to provide timely information to all our investors and all those interested in the work that we do. To that you know of the other events keep all of you better informed we are working on starting a new addition to our newsletter that will focus on upcoming County wide events within a three month time frame.

Many of our community members

know of the monthly events that happen like the local business after hours or our GCEDC monthly meetings. But we want to make sure that are going on in the community such as the Quincy Farmers Consumer Awareness Day that happens each September or the Moses Lake Air Show that is in June.

The GCEDC will be reaching out to

many of our organizations across the county to make sure we keep an updated list. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time with information about upcoming events so that we can make sure to have your organization on the list.

The staff at GCEDC continually looks for ways to improve our county's economy and quality of life. We look forward to connecting more with you!



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