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WAREHOUSE DEMOLITION FIRST STEP IN DEVELOPING PORT OF OLYMPIA EAST BAY DISTRICT

The Port of Olympia has advertised for bids for the demolition of a 140,000-square-foot warehouse, located north of the Olympia Avenue Right of Way and west of Marine Drive in downtown Olympia. Removal of the warehouse is integral to the redevelopment of the port's 14-acre East Bay district in downtown Olympia. The demolition project has been designed to maximize the salvage and reutilization of the timbers in the building. As part of the work, the port will also demolish another building located at the corner of Thurston Avenue and Jefferson Street.

The port, the LOTT Alliance, the Hands On Children's Museum, and the City of Olympia have joined together to create a dynamic center of activity, connecting surrounding communities, the waterfront and Olympia's downtown. The individual projects – a larger, permanent home for the Hands On Children's Museum, a new administrative and education center for LOTT and an economic development platform for the port – will energize the redevelopment of the entire area. Tentative plans for the district also include a jointly developed, public plaza.

"The port is excited about this dynamic core of new projects that will serve the community for generations to come," said Ed Galligan, Port Executive Director. "As we have seen in other projects, we believe this initiative will result in significant private investment in and around the East Bay site that will compliment the public projects already committed."

Planning and citizen input for the East Bay project has been under development for more than seven years, and the Port Commission approved the site plan and uses of the site earlier this year. The port has applied for a short-plat of the district so that parcels can be subdivided and specifically identified for development with streets and utilities.

Bids for the warehouse demolition are currently being accepted by the Port of Olympia, at 915 Washington Street N.E., Olympia, Washington, 98501. Sealed bids must be submitted by

10:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

A pre-bid examination of the site will be held Tuesday December 18, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The site visit will convene at the Port General Offices at the address above. For questions and additional information, please contact, Al Kulp, Project Manager, at (360) 528-8006. Information is also available on the port's website http://www.portolympia.com/uploads/12_12_07_Invitation_to_Bid.pdf.

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