

Port of Douglas County
3306 A 5th Street SE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
Email: pat@portofdouglas.org

Email version available upon request

Port of Douglas accepts bid for new building

PBI Construction of Spokane was low bidder for 21,500 sq.ft. building with a price of \$969,015.

At the October 17 Commission meeting the Port of Douglas accepted the bid of PBI Construction of Spokane for the construction of the Berglin Building - Phase II. PBI was the lowest of seven bidders with a price of \$969,015 for the 21,500 sq.ft. pre-engineered steel building. This follows the Phase I award to GG Richardson of Wenatchee for \$81,734 to purchase the materials kit from Sun Buildings. The total cost for the new building project is \$1,130,749 including architectural and engineering fees.

"This is an exciting step in the growth of our industrial park," said Jim Huffman, Port Commission President. "The new building will provide an opportunity for one of our local companies to grow and add new employment to our area." The Berglin Corporation has been a tenant of the Port since 1996, and the new building will more than triple their existing space. Over the next three years, Berglin expects to double their number of employees, adding 20 to 30 new jobs. "This building is perfectly equipped for the growth of our business," said Scott Berglin, company president. "Because the Port allowed us to participate in the design process, we were able to create a facility that is appropriate for our manufacturing operations. This includes power distribution, temperature controlled environment, free span shop space, and fiber optic internet service which is essential for our marketing and sales efforts."

Construction of the new building will begin in November and will be completed in March or April. "As much as I would have liked to work with a local contractor on this project," said Pat

For details contact:
Patrick Haley
Director
Phone
509/884-4700

For Release 9 am
July 24, 2002

Haley, port director, "I'm confident that PBI will do a good job for us. I've worked with them once before when I was an engineer at Chelan PUD, and most of the sub work is done with local shops." CBJ Architects designed the facility with structural engineering done by Pacific Engineering both of Wenatchee. The new facility will be located adjacent to the existing port building in the Pangborn Memorial Airport Industrial Park.

Other action taken at the Port Commission meeting included approval of the new lease agreement with North Cascades National Bank of Chelan. North Cascades will initially lease approximately 2,000 sq.ft for their check processing operations, and will have the first option for additional space when the Berglin Corporation moves into their new building. "It was very important for us to be next to the airport," said Bruce Wolford, vice president of Data Processing. "We are receiving and shipping materials every day by plane, and the Port location will insure greater efficiency of our operation." The check processing division of North Cascades Bank will employ five people with the potential of doubling that employment as their business grows.

###