



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Invitee:

Jay Jensen, USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, and Victor Vasquez, USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development, will come to Alaska for two Economic Diversity Workshops. The first will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> in Ketchikan and the second will be August 29<sup>th</sup> in Sitka.

The intent of these workshops is to bring USDA officials and political, community and business leaders in Southeast Alaska together to discuss potential development opportunities in the region, with a goal of exploring new ways for the Tongass National Forest and for USDA as a whole to support a diversified economy in Southeast Alaska. Our objective is to host open dialogue where opportunities and road blocks to local development ideas can be discussed, and conditions for USDA support can be identified.

On behalf of USDA, we invite you to join us at either workshop. Details follow. We request an RSVP by August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Where: Ketchikan, Alaska  
Best Western Landing Hotel,  
3434 Tongass Avenue 99901  
Hotel Ballroom

Where: Sitka, Alaska  
Sitka Tribal Enterprises:  
Community House  
200 Katlian St

When: Friday, August 28, 2009  
10:00am – 3:00pm

When: Saturday, August 29, 2009  
10:00am – 3:00pm

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We look forward to joining you for a productive discussion.

Sincerely,

Jay Jensen  
Deputy Under Secretary  
Natural Resources & Environment

Victor Vasquez  
Deputy Under Secretary  
Rural Development

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# DAILY SHIPPING NEWS



A newspaper for the Pacific Northwest transportation industry

Sawmill Cove Industrial Park  
329 Harbor Drive #212  
Sitka, Alaska 99835  
Attn: Jon Krebs

April and ended a three-month streak of numbers below one million but was down 20 percent from April 2008. After February (839,492 TEU), March (970,949 TEU) and April (990,632 TEU), the figure was the fourth-lowest since the 901,497 seen in February 2004, and marked the 23rd month in a row to see a year-over-year decline. One TEU is one 20-foot container or its equivalent.

Volume for June was estimated at 1.06 million TEU, down 18 percent from a year  
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“opala”, from Hawaii to Eastern Washington landfills.

The Port of Longview is responsible for receipt and delivery of cargo at the port’s staging area, as well as transferring cargo to and from the dock. Day-break has partnered with SSA Marine for loading and stowing cargo on the barge. Brusco Tug & Barge, also of Longview, has been contracted to provide the tug and barge services.

“The port’s focus is to develop new breakbulk business opportunities that utilize all of



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development of the  
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RFP for development of a

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Deadline, September 10, 2009

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handled a total of 2,700,000 TEUs (20-foot containers). This milestone was highlighted during a terminal tour and crane demonstration that was part of the celebration event June 26.

The facility employs 200 full-time personnel with family-wage jobs. It is estimated the statewide economic impact of WUT's operations connects with more than 1,800 jobs throughout Washington state.

The Port of Tacoma is an economic engine for South Puget Sound, with more than 43,000 family-wage jobs in Pierce County and 113,000 jobs across Washington state related to port activities.

A major gateway to Asia and Alaska, the Port of Tacoma is among the largest container ports in North America, handling more than \$33 billion in annual trade and about 1.9 million TEUs (20-foot equivalent container units).

The port is also a major center for bulk, breakbulk and project/heavy-lift cargoes, as well as automobiles and trucks.