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FY 2019 Port Security Grant Program funding opportunity

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced a total of \$100 million in Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funding available in FY 2019 for supporting increased port-wide maritime security risk management, enhancing maritime domain awareness, supporting maritime security training and exercises, and maintaining or reestablishing maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. The intent of the FY 2019 PSGP is to competitively award grant funding to assist ports in obtaining the resources required to support the development and sustainment of core capabilities identified in the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity from FEMA can be found on page 17 [here](#). Additional information is available at grants.gov, and the closing date for applications is May 29, 2019.

Tidewater crew recognized for Columbia River rescue

The American Red Cross Cascade Region has honored Capt. Joshua Burrows and crewmates Riley Wyatt, Billy Pike, Harry Pike and Ken Marvel of Tidewater Barge Lines during

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the 22nd annual Heroes Breakfast, which recognizes everyday people from Southwest Washington and Oregon for their good deeds. Burrows and his crew saved two people stranded in the middle of the Columbia River on Sept. 11.

The Tidewater crew spotted the man and woman stranded near their capsized boat in the middle of the frigid river, sounded the alarm and steered the vessel toward the couple. The on-deck crew radioed instructions to Burrows and Wyatt, who were about 50 feet above deck in the wheelhouse so they could maneuver the boat close enough to throw out a life ring. The crew helped pull the couple on board the tugboat and got them into dry clothing. The couple was suffering from hypothermia and dehydration.

"I'm very proud of my crew and the way they came together and used their training, and I'm glad the situation turned out the way it did. We practice our entire career (for a situation like this) and hope that we never have to use it," said Burrows, who has spent nearly three decades on the Columbia.



Capt. Joshua Burrows and his crew receive awards during the Red Cross Heroes Breakfast.

Photo credit: Nathan Howard, The Columbian

Three new members join PNWA!

PNWA is very excited to announce we have three new members who have joined our association!

PNWA is excited to welcome CFM Strategic Communications. [CFM Strategic Communications](#) is a fully integrated consulting firm with practice areas in federal and state lobbying, public relations, research and marketing communications. Founded nearly thirty years ago and based in the Pacific Northwest, they have full-time staff in Portland, Vancouver, and Washington, D.C. With expertise in waterways, transportation and infrastructure, federal grant programs and the federal appropriations process they currently represent several cities, counties, ports and private industry that rely on our nation's waterways and infrastructure. Our PNWA representative at CFM Strategic Communications is David Hodges, who can be reached by email at davidh@cfmpdx.com.



We are also pleased to announce NEXT Renewable Fuels, Inc. has joined PNWA! [NEXT Renewable Fuels, Inc.](#) is developing a 37,500 barrel per day renewable diesel facility at Port Westward, Oregon, at mile 53 on the Columbia River. This 600 million gallon per year plant will be the largest biofuels plant in North America. Renewable feedstocks including used cooking oils (UCOs), tallow and grease will arrive by ship and finished products will ship out to west coast customers via marine vessels. With robust pretreatment facilities, a stand-alone hydrogen plant, and three independent processing units (with a fourth permitted), the facility will be able to convert a wide range of renewable feedstocks into green diesel, a 100% drop-in replacement for petroleum based fuels. The plant is slated to commence operations in the third quarter of 2021. Our PNWA Representative at NEXT Renewable Fuels is Lou Soumas, who can be reached by email at lou@watersideenergy.com.



Wolseley Industrial Group has joined PNWA! The [Wolseley Industrial Group](#) manufactures floating structures at their fabrication facilities located in Washougal WA, Houston TX, and Lakeland FL. Wolseley Industrial Group has supplied docks and floating structures in North America for over forty years. Wolseley supplies floats and piping products to industrial businesses, port districts, state fisheries, municipalities, contractors and residential customers. They build all types of floating structures for marinas and aquaculture facilities including docks, port security barriers, camel logs, log booms, commercial work barges, fish pens, boat floats and decking systems. The floats are constructed from heavy wall HDPE materials to ensure durability and a long service life. Our PNWA representative at Wolseley Industrial Group is David Schlegel, who can be reached by email at david.schlegel@wolseleyind.com.



Port of Lewiston is hiring a Public Outreach and Communications Coordinator

The Port of Lewiston has announced an opening for a part-time Public Outreach and Communications Coordinator. The Public Outreach and Communications Coordinator position will be responsible for designing and implementing the Port's communication strategies, platforms, and materials to promote the Port's initiatives. The closing date for applications is May 9th. For a complete job description and application information click [here](#).



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