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USDOT announces 2nd round of FASTLANE Grants

Due to the extremely high number of applications for the initial round of FASTLANE grants, the U.S. Department of Transportation has opened up a [second round of the grant program](#). The process opens on the www.grants.gov website starting November 14th and must be received by 8:00 pm EST December 15, 2016. Please note that you must register on the www.grants.gov website before submitting an application, and that the registration process can take two to four weeks to complete. USDOT estimates that up to \$850 million will be available for programs which will help regional freight movement, congestion reduction, and infrastructure improvements.

In order to provide technical assistance to stakeholders wishing to submit an application, the USDOT will be hosting a [series of webinars](#) on the following dates. Please note you must register for your webinar of choice prior to the start time.

- **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - 9-11am PST:** [How to Compete for FASTLANE Discretionary Grant Funding](#)

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- **Thursday, November 17, 2016 - 9-11am PST:** [How to Prepare a Benefit Cost Analysis for a FASTLANE Grant application](#)
- **Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - 9-11am PST:** [How to Compete for FASTLANE Discretionary Grant Funding](#)
- **Tuesday, November 29, 2016 - 9-11am PST:** [How to Prepare a Benefit Cost Analysis for a FASTLANE Grant application](#)

Grays Harbor Channel Deepening begins

[The Port of Grays Harbor](#)

celebrated the official start of their deepening project on



October 3rd, 2016. American Construction, the contractor performing the work, lifted the first buckets of sediment to begin the process of deepening the channel to -38 MLLW. The official start comes nine years after the port initiated the project in 2007. The U.S. Army Corps issued a favorable decision in 2014 and the project received funding in FY2015 and FY2016.

The deepening is scheduled to be completed by September 2018, and will allow ships to load at least 10% more cargo, specifically at the Port's Terminal 2 AGP facility. PNWA congratulates the Port of Grays Harbor on the successful start to this vital project!

Tri-Cities venue added to BiOp scoping meeting schedule

The Corps of Engineers, BPA, and the Bureau of Reclamation have added a [Tri-Cities venue](#) for the scoping meetings on the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Biological Opinion Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting will be Monday, November 21st at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 4525 Convention Place, Pasco, WA 99301.

The federal agencies will spend the next five years reviewing river system operations, and will eventually present a reasonable range of alternatives and also evaluate the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts on flood risk management, irrigation, power generation, navigation, fish and wildlife, cultural resources and recreation. The scoping meetings are an opportunity for the agencies to seek comments from the public about issues and concerns that could be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

To date, 300 people have attended the seven public meetings, with nine remaining meetings and two webinars scheduled in the near future. For more information on the meeting locations or how to submit comments, visit www.crsi.info.

We encourage everyone to attend at least one meeting, and make your voice heard. PNWA has created a [fact sheet](#) with helpful information for submitting comments. We also encourage PNWA members to forward this information to colleagues in the region with an interest in the river system. Please feel free to reach out to PNWA with questions.

Upcoming Meetings

November 14 - Spokane, WA	November 16 - Lewiston, ID
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November 17 - Walla Walla, WA	November 21 - Pasco, WA
November 29 - Boise, ID	December 1 - Seattle, WA
December 6 - The Dalles, OR	December 7 - Portland, OR
December 8 - Astoria, OR	December 13 - two webinars

Port of Portland job opening

The Port of Portland is hiring a new Marine Marketing Director. Interested applicants can view the [job details](#) and apply for the job at the Port of Portland's [website](#). Applications are due by November 30th.

PNWA welcomes new members Anchor QEA and Maul Foster & Alongi

[Anchor QEA, LLC](#) is a nationally recognized environmental and engineering consulting firm that specializes in dredging, sediment management, aquatic permitting/planning, water resources, coastal development, and habitat restoration. They provide comprehensive sediment management services to ports and waterfront dependent clients in the Columbia River basin, Puget Sound, and other waterways in the northwest and are regionally and internationally known as one of the most respected environmental and engineering consulting firms. They provide their clients with a range of science and engineering services, including planning, scientific investigation, engineering design, and construction management. Anchor QEA's staff is a mix of civil, geotechnical, environmental, and coastal engineers; sediment scientists; chemists; toxicologists; risk assessors; fisheries biologists; and construction specialists who support public- and private-sector clients on some of the most challenging sites in the nation, and their completed projects are among the most successful in the industry. Their clients recognize that the strength Anchor QEA brings to each and every project reflects their core values of technological leadership, integrity, superior product quality, and client satisfaction. Within PNWA, the firm will be represented by Greg Summers, who can be reached by email at gsummers@anchorqea.com.



[Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.](#) is an integrated environmental engineering consulting firm specializing in brownfields, stormwater, and site development. MFA offers services in strategic planning, environmental and civil engineering, environmental assessment and cleanup, planning and development, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), health and safety services, and landscape architecture. MFA has offices in Portland, Oregon; Vancouver, Seattle, and Bellingham, Washington; and Coeur d'Alene and Kellogg, Idaho. Within PNWA, the firm will be represented by Kathy Lombardi, who can be reached by email at klombardi@maulfoster.com.



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