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FEMA announces April 26th webinar for this year's Port Security Grant Program

Due to the continuing resolution under which the federal government is operating, the timeline for the FEMA Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) will be compressed. Applicants interested in applying for this year's program are encouraged to get an early start on their materials in preparation for a shortened application period.

To assist applicants, FEMA is hosting a webinar with training sessions on the Non-Disaster Grants 3.0 System on April 26th from 1:00pm-3:00pm EDT. Participants will need to register, and there is a cap of 65 participants. To apply for a spot, fill out [this form](#). You should receive a confirmation email within 24 hours but if you do not receive one, please email ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov.

NOAA public comment period open for draft National Charting Plan

The NOAA Office of Coast Survey has released their draft [National Charting Plan](#) and is accepting public comments through July 1. The National Charting Plan is a strategy for making improvements to all of the NOAA nautical charts, such as improving the user experience of the electronic navigational charts (ENCs), better integration with the Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers survey programs, and reducing uncertainty about marked hazards. The switch from physical charts to ENCs and GPS has prompted NOAA to rethink its organization and management of ENCs. The public input will help NOAA continue to fine tune the final products they deliver to maritime users.

PNWA is proud to announce the addition of Parametrix and Port of Moses Lake to our growing membership!

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[The Port of Moses Lake](#) is located in Central Washington directly off Interstate 90. The Port is 70 miles west of Spokane, Washington and approximately 160 miles east of Seattle, Washington. Moses Lake and Grant County lie in the sunbelt of the state, boasting a pleasant climate for recreation as well as doing business. The Port of Moses Lake's airport and industrial areas contain over 4,500 acres of quality infrastructure, supporting a wide range of aviation and commercial business. Currently, the Port employs 15 full-time and several part-time employees. There are over 60 industries located at the Port, employing over 1,500 people. Created in 1965 by a vote of the people, the Port of Moses Lake is governed by a 3-member Port commission and administered by an executive director. Within PNWA, Port of Moses Lake will be represented by Executive Director Jeff Bishop, who can be reached by email at jbishop@portofmoseslake.com.

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