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Register today for the PNWA Summer Conference, June 21-23

Early registration is open for the PNWA Summer Conference, June 21 – 23 at the Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane! This is one of our most popular events, allowing members and partners to get together mid-year, reconnect, and discuss issues that are important to our industry and region. We have a number of engaging and informative speakers lined up for the event; all we need now is **you!**

Learn more and click here to **[REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

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PNWA and the Historic Davenport Hotel are committed to your health and safety and intend to host an in-person Summer Conference consistent with federal, state and local guidance. We will alert you as early as possible if changing COVID conditions compel us to modify convention dates and/or format.

2022 Port Security Grant Program applications due June 13



FEMA

FEMA has released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the 2022 Port Security Grant Program (PGSP). Applications are due by 2 p.m. Pacific Time on June 13, 2022.

\$100 million in funding is available to support projects that address port security priorities. National priorities for this year's program are enhancing cybersecurity and enhancing protection of soft targets/crowded places. Other enduring needs include planning; training/awareness; equipment/capital projects; and exercises.

FEMA is hosting an informational webinar on May 23. Find webinar and grant information and apply for 2022 PSGP grants at www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security.

PNWA, NWRP submit joint letter on the Lower Snake River Dams Benefit Replacement Study to Sen. Murray and Gov. Inslee

As the release of the draft report for the [Lower Snake River Dams Benefit Replacement Study](#) approaches, PNWA and Northwest RiverPartners submitted a letter to the offices of Senator Patty Murray and Governor Jay Inslee. The May 6 letter reiterated multiple concerns the partners have regarding the study's baseline assumptions, rigor, and consideration of impacts to Northwest communities, businesses, the region and the nation.



PNWA and NWRP also submitted a letter directly to Jim Kramer, the consultant in charge of the study.

[Read the May 6 joint PNWA/NWRP letter.](#)

Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Program releases Modified Locally Preferred Alternative

The [Interstate Bridge Replacement \(IBR\) program](#), in coordination with program partners and the community, has developed design options, desired outcomes, and transit investments for a Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). The Modified LPA is not a final design for a replacement bridge; it's an agreed-upon set of components that will be further evaluated through an environmental review process.

PNWA and partners submitted a [joint letter](#) to the U.S. Coast Guard in April, expressing concerns about horizontal and vertical clearance for navigation. These concerns have been addressed in the Modified LPA.

[View the Modified LPA](#) and learn more about next steps in replacing the I-5 Columbia River Bridge.

Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund applications due May 31

Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund helps students looking to begin or advance a career in the maritime industries and/or international trade earn funds for training. Applications for the 2022 fund are available now and due by May 31, 2022!

Applications are open to students at two-year and four-year programs, graduate programs, and programs approved by the US Coast Guard.



Learn more and apply at www.pdxmex.com/scholarship.

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