

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

- 1. Project Title:** Hooley Digester Expansion Project
- 2. Organization Name and address:** Port of Tillamook Bay, 4000 Blimp Boulevard, Tillamook, OR, 97141
- 3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**
- 4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):** 6018 Hangar Road, Tillamook, OR, 97141
- 5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** Public/Private Partnership

Port of Tillamook Bay is a dry-land port that operates a general aviation airport, a short-line railroad and a large industrial park. The port owns 1600 acres of industrially zoned land. The industrial park is served by port-owned water distribution and wastewater collection and treatment system. Tillamook Lightwave provides high speed broadband telecommunications and the Tillamook People's Utility District provides electricity. Port of Tillamook Bay recently enrolled three separate sites in Oregon's Certified Industrial Lands program.

Tenants at the port represent wood products industry, value added agriculture; tourism industry and various manufacturing concerns. There are also a fair number of very small companies with 1 or two full time employees or with seasonal activity that creates temporary jobs.

The Port of Tillamook Bay owns and operates an electric generation facility and sells green power to the local electric utility.

- 6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

Original grant construction included a 4 cell cement structure and piping for 2 cells equipment/engine for gas conversion. Subsequent funding from United States Department of Agriculture provided third cell piping and fiber drying facility.

This project is to expand an existing green power generation facility to increase output to one (1) megawatt of power, which will greatly increase the port's revenues

from power sales and increase jobs related to the operation and maintenance of the facility.

This is a dairy related clean water project as well, and expanding the digester to a 4th cell lets manure from an additional 2,000 more cows to be processed. Whether that is multiple small dairies or a few larger ones has yet to be determined.

Successful completion of this project will open opportunities for additional companion projects such as a gasification plan to process animal carcasses, greenhouses, bagged fiber storage to support the nursery industry.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? Yes,

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding. \$1,500,000 From the Department of Energy in 2001.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Energy and Water Appropriations Bill; Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency Renewable energy,

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project is expected to create 20 construction jobs and 4 direct permanent jobs, retain 2 direct jobs and create a number of secondary jobs in the support industries of trucking, mechanics, and on the participating dairies.

Creation of new permanent jobs in the energy field and the dairy and trucking fields will assist with eliminating some of the economic stress. The ability to apply a “cleaner” product to the pastures will allow dairies to increase their herd number enough to perhaps weather the bad economic times.

This project developed over a number of years through collaboration with the state agencies, local dairy industry, local electric utility and local agencies to be financed and constructed as a private business. Port of Tillamook was finally successful in attracting public dollars to begin on a small scale to do this project. It is the first community digester project in the country. The port has an operating agreement with a company that has the experience to maintain and operate the existing digester and now it's time to grow to the level of true productivity.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? Senators Wyden and Merkley

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): 7 million (1.5 million initial start up, 3.5 million for current expansion, 2 million for future expansion.)

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: 3.5 million

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.) Actively seeking at this time through private/public partnership, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Department of Energy

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Yes

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000): 1.5 million for new engine generation sets, 2 million for construction

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Tillamook County Commissioners(#4 on list of Tillamook County Appropriations), Tillamook People's Utility District, Tillamook County Creamery Association, Tillamook County Solid Waste Department, Garick Corporation, Digester Dairymen Group

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

The project is really not scalable.