

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE PORT OF SEATTLE AND THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

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This Economic Development Partnership Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the Port of Seattle (the “Port”) and the City of \_\_\_\_\_ (“\_\_\_\_\_”), both municipal corporations of the State of Washington (each, a “Party” or, collectively, the “Parties”).

**R E C I T A L S**

WHEREAS, engaging in the promotion of economic development is a recognized Port purpose authorized under RCW 53.08.245; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.703 similarly authorizes cities to engage in economic development programs; and

WHEREAS, both RCW 53.08.240(2) and RCW 39.34.080 permit a municipality to contract with another municipality to perform such undertakings as each is authorized to perform; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle established the Economic Development Partnership Program (the “Program”), to advance the Port’s Century Agenda, promote a dramatic growth agenda, support the creation of middle class jobs and help address the lack of economic development funding for local projects; and

WHEREAS, grant funding across the region is very limited for cities that want to pursue economic development projects or initiatives, and Washington State has not had an economic development grant program for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Program will provide 38 King County cities per capita funding to advance local economic development throughout the region, and requires a 50% local match by the cities that receive the grants; and

WHEREAS, the Program will help the Port advance regional economic vitality through focused partnerships with King County cities; and

WHEREAS, the Program will make grants to cities that pursue programs and projects that stimulate business development, job creation and community revitalization, such as small business development, industry retention and expansion, and other economic development projects that support new investment and job creation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a contractual arrangement under which the Port will pay the City Program funds in the amount set forth on Section 2 solely for the purpose of carrying out the local initiative described in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated hereto by this reference (the "Project"). This Agreement shall be interpreted in furtherance of this purpose.

2. Responsibilities of the Port. The Port shall contribute \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (the "Grant Funds") to assist the City in funding the Project. The Port shall disburse the Grant Funds to the City upon receipt of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Responsibilities of the City.

3.1 The City shall contribute local funds equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the Grant Funds towards the Project.

3.2 The City may contract with local non-profits to complete the Project or elements of the Project; *provided*, that the Port shall not, under any circumstance, disburse the Grant Funds to any of the City's contractors or subcontractors.

3.3 The City shall complete the Project by \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Term. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date first set forth above, and shall terminate on \_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_, unless earlier terminated under another provision of this Agreement.

5. Termination for Convenience. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason, by giving the other party thirty (30) days' written notice. In the event the City has completed any portion of the Project by the time it receives the Port's notice of termination, the Port shall pay the City the percentage of the Grant Funds attributable to the City's completed portion of the Project.

6. Termination for Default. Except in the case of delay or failure resulting from circumstances beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the City, the Port shall be entitled, by written or oral notice to the City, to terminate Agreement for breach of any of the terms and to have all other rights against the City by reason of the City's breach as provided by law.

7. Waiver. Failure at any time of the Port to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such provision or prejudice the right of the Port to enforce such provision at any subsequent time. No term or condition of this Agreement shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties

8. Partial Invalidity. If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes void or unenforceable by force or operation of law, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

9. Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement. The City shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Port, its Commissioners, officers, employees, and agents (hereafter, collectively, the "Port") from all liability, claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including, but not limited to attorneys' and consultants' fees and other expenses of litigation or arbitration) arising out of or related to the fulfillment of this Agreement; *provided*, however, if and to the extent that this Agreement is construed to be relative to the construction, alternation, repair, addition to, subtraction from, improvement to, or maintenance of, any building, highway, road, railroad, excavation, or other structure, project, development, or improvement attached to real estate, including moving or demolition in connection therewith, and therefore subject to Section 4.24.115 of the Revised Code of Washington, it is agreed that where such liability, claim, damage, loss or expense arises from the concurrent negligence of (i) the Port, and (ii) the City, its agents, or its employees, it is expressly agreed that the City's obligations of indemnity under this paragraph shall be effective only to the extent of the City's negligence. Such obligations shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any person or entity described in this paragraph. This paragraph shall not be construed so as to require the City to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the Port from such claims, damages, losses or expenses caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the Port.

In any and all claims against the Port, by any employee of the City, its agent, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation of this paragraph shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation benefits payable by or for the City, or other person under applicable industrial insurance laws (including, but not limited to Title 51 of the Revised Code of Washington), it being clearly agreed and understood by the Parties hereto that the City expressly waives any immunity the City might have had under such laws. By executing this Agreement, the City acknowledges that the foregoing waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties.

The City shall pay all attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Port in establishing and enforcing the Port's right under this paragraph, whether or not suit was instituted.

10. Comply with All Laws. The City shall at all times comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to all environmental laws, which in any manner apply to the performance of this Agreement.

11. Integration. This Agreement, together with the attached Exhibit A, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and unless modified in writing by an amendment executed by the Parties, shall be implemented only as described herein.

12. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Any action arising out of this Agreement shall be brought in King County.

13. No Employment Relationship Created. The Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an employment relationship between the City and the Port.

14. No Entity Created. The Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a joint entity between the City and the Port.

15. Notices. Notices to the Port shall be sent to the following address:

Port of Seattle  
Economic Development Division  
P. O. Box 1209  
Seattle, WA 98121

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City of \_\_\_\_\_

16. Audits and Retention of Records. The City shall retain and make all books, records and documents (the "Records") relating to the performance of this Agreement open to inspection or audit by representatives of the Port or Washington State during the term of this Agreement and for a period of not less than six (6) years after termination of the Agreement; *provided*, that if any litigation, claim or audit arising out of, in connection with or related to this Agreement is initiated, the City shall retain such Records until the later of (a) resolution or completion of litigation, claim or audit; or (b) six (6) years after the termination of this Agreement.

17. Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement of the Parties.

18. Dispute Resolution. The Parties shall use their best, good faith efforts to cooperatively resolve disputes that arise in connection with this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the date first set forth above.

**PORT OF SEATTLE**

**CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**PROJECT**